

Gaithersburg Middle School



Student Orientation



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GMS Student Schedule March 8-12

Mon. March 8	Tues. March 9	Wed. March 10	Th. March 11	Fri. March 12- Early release (Interims)
No School for students	Asynchronous work Check your myMCPS pages for independent work!	Asynchronous work Check your myMCPS pages for independent work!	9-10 Period 1	9-9:30 Period 5
			10-10:15 BREAK	9:30- 9:40 BREAK
			10:15-11:15 Period 2	9:40- 10:10 Period 6
			11:15- 12:30 Lunch and Wellness	10:10- 10:20 Break
			12:30-1:30 Period 3	10:20-10:50 Period 7
			1:30- 1:40 BREAK	10:50- 11:00 Break
			1:40- 2:40 Period 4	11:00-11:30 Homeroom
			2:40- 2:45 Break	11:30-1:00 Lunch
			2:45- 3:15 Intervention/homework time	

Welcome Back

Q A Brief Visit Inside Gaithersburg Middle School



Para llegar al gimnasio auxiliar, camina por el pasillo 500 y gira a la izquierda. Puedes ir al gimnasio de abajo o de arriba.



Overview

1. Overall Health and Safety Guidelines

Review overall health and safety guidance and expectations, including expectations for classroom health and safety.

2. Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Review arrival and dismissal processes.

3. Bell Schedule

Review the in-person bell schedule, location of classes, and expectations for movement in the hallway.

4. Breakfast, Lunch and Bathroom

Review processes for having breakfast and lunch. Also, the processes for movement to the bathrooms during the day.



Overview

5. Wellness Break

Review overall health and safety guidance and expectations, including expectations for indoor and outdoor activities.

6. Technology

Review expectations and responsibilities for using and maintaining devices.

Resources available for staff information



Mask Wearing

Masks/face coverings will be required for all students while in MCPS facilities. Masks will be provided to students who need them.

Face coverings are required at school except when:

- Actively eating or drinking.
- Unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability or is physically unable to remove a mask.



Mask Wearing

Cloth masks/face coverings will be required for all students at MCPS schools/facilities and on the bus.

MCPS will provide free cloth face coverings to students who need them.

Students may bring their own cloth face coverings if they meet MCPS standards.

All cloth face coverings must:

- Fit the face snugly and permit easy breathing;
- Securely cover the nose and mouth (from bridge of the nose to under the chin);
- Be free of dangling ties, straps, or material that can snag or catch on fences, doors, etc.;
- Be kept clean and free of damage, such as holes or tears.



Mask Wearing

What will be done for students who forget their mask or whose mask becomes soiled or damaged during the day?

- A replacement face covering will be provided. All schools/facilities and buses will stock disposable surgical-style masks and/or replacement cloth face coverings.
- Repeated failure to bring/wear a face covering will be addressed through education and discipline, as needed.



Routine Cleaning

- It is expected that there will continue to be routine building cleaning and disinfection, including frequent cleaning of all MCPS schools/facilities and buses.
- This is a normal daily activity, but there will be increased frequency of touchpoint cleaning/disinfection (handrails, door handles, sinks, toilets/urinals, drinking fountains, etc.) and dispenser checks/refills (paper towel, soap, hand sanitizer).
- Teachers and students will also need to contribute to caring for their areas and cleaning of their supplies and spaces throughout the day. Cleaning solution and paper towels will be available in each room for staff and students.



Busses & Arrival Procedures

- Masks must be worn when riding the bus.
- Students must follow the expectations of the bus driver.
- All students will wait outside school until 8:00 AM. Student must maintain social distancing outside.
- Students will enter the building at 8:00 AM by designated entrances.



Arrival Procedures

- Cafeteria staff will monitor entrances to ensure mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and give a free breakfast bag
- PPE will be provided if needed.
- Entrance Doors: 6th-Main, 7th-Gym, 8th-Cafeteria
Entrance Number 18 (near Room 111)-Bridge/ARS



Late Arrival Procedures

- If a student arrives to school after 8:15 AM they will enter the building through the main entrance/ welcome center.
- Students will sign in with Ms. Banegas and go to their class.

In Person Schedule

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8:00-8:50	Viking Crew (in person only) : Breakfast, Choice Activities				
9:00-10:05	Period 1	Period 5	Homework time	Period 1	Period 5
10:05-10:10			Transition		
10:10-11:15	Period 2	Period 6	Optional Check-in Pd 1: 10:05 - 10:25 Pd 2: 10:30 - 10:50 Pd 3: 10:55 - 11:15	Period 2	Period 6
11:15-12:30	Lunch and Wellness Break (Viking Crew)				
12:30-1:30	Period 3	Period 7	Optional Check-In	Period 3	Period 7
1:30-1:35	Transition		Pd 4: 12:30 - 12:50 Pd 5: 12:55 - 1:15	Transition	
1:35 - 2:40	Period 4	Homeroom/ Advisory	Pd 6: 1:20 - 1:40 Pd 7: 1:45 - 2:05	Period 4	Homeroom Advisory
2:40 - 2:45	Transition				
2:45 - 3:00	Viking Crew	VC	VC	VC	VC



Movement in the Halls

- As students and staff move through hallways there are visual markers/signs to help maintain 6ft apart
- Students should stay to the right in stairwells and hallways.
- Masks are expected to be worn when travelling through the hallways. If you see a hand sanitizing station...go ahead and help yourself.



Movement/Transition Time Process

- Students have 5 minutes to transition between classes.
- Masks must be worn during transitions.
- Water fillers on the first floor and water coolers may be used to get water.
- Masks can be removed to drink water.



Bathrooms

Students will be limited to **two students at a time for restrooms.**

- Students will complete a google form before going to the bathroom.
- Building services will monitor the first floor bathroom near the cafeteria and the second floor bathroom.
- Building service will monitor duration of restroom use to prevent the possibility of prolonged close contact.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day by building services.
- Students should wash their hands before returning to class.



Classrooms

- Student seating locations will be 6' apart and facing the same direction.
- Classrooms are configured to include about 12 students or more.
- Extra desks may be best utilized to create physical distancing from the next desk configuration.
- Seats all face the same direction, and teacher location(s) when seated or standing will be at least 6' from student seats.
- **Assigned seating will be used** to assist with contact tracing if a positive case is found.



Hallways, Stairways, Lockers

Hallways/Stairways

- Students should stay to the right in hallways and stairways

Lockers

- No lockers will be used.
- Students will carry their backpacks and chromebooks throughout the day.



Breakfast & Lunch

- Free **breakfast** will be available for all students at each level returning to in-person. It will be pre-bagged and picked up upon arrival.
- Free pre-bagged **lunches** will be distributed to Viking Crew location classes daily.
- Students will eat lunch in their Viking Crew location.



Breakfast & Lunch & Supper

- During breakfast and lunch times students must still maintain 6 ft. physical distancing.
- Students may choose to bring their own lunch.
- Students will get a supper to take home at the end of the day.
- Supper will be offered at the main school exits as students leave the building.



Technology

- Students are expected to bring their Chromebook and charger to and from school each day.
- There will be a limited supply of extra Chromebooks in the building if a problem occurs with a student's assigned one.
- Headphones will be provided to all students or students may bring their own.
- A Chromebook case will be provided to all students to protect it. Students will keep their device with them all day as locker use will not be permitted.



Positive COVID Case

If a student is suspected of developing or having COVID like symptoms, the following will occur:

- Separate any student who exhibits symptoms at school and notify the parent/guardian, and send the student home.

According to MSDE:

- **POSITIVE CASE:** A student with positive test results for COVID-19 or who does not receive a laboratory test or alternative diagnosis for symptoms must stay home at least 10 days since symptoms started AND until fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication AND symptoms have resolved.
- **NEGATIVE CASE:** A student with negative COVID-19 test results or an alternative diagnosis for symptoms must stay home until symptoms have improved.



Contact Tracing

If a student has a positive COVID test result, the school will identify close contacts. This is why students will have **assigned seats in each classroom.**

According to MSDE, close contacts of students with a positive diagnosis or who do not receive a laboratory test or alternative diagnosis for symptoms must be excluded for 14 days from last exposure regardless of symptoms or test results.

Close contacts of a student with negative COVID-19 test results or with documentation of an alternative diagnosis do not need to be excluded if they do not have symptoms.

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