



Global Village Academy

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Dear GVA Families,

We look forward to the return of all our students to in-person learning at GVA on **Monday, January 25th**. Our buildings are safe and well-prepared for our students.

As we welcome everyone back to school for this next quarter, we are eliminating the option for remote learning at GVA. All GVA students will be expected to return to regular, in-person learning. The only exception to online instruction will be for temporary quarantine situations. In those instances, students will continue with synchronous remote learning and remain logged-in to their computers for the entire day, live-streaming their classroom. This will allow us to provide our best education for your child. If you are resolute about your child continuing virtual learning, we kindly suggest enrolling your child into an online home-schooling program instead or transferring to another district that offers remote learning. We will work diligently to keep our students and staff safe in-person at GVA as we await the vaccine.

Some reminders for families for our return:

- Students must wear a mask at school at all times, except while sitting behind their desk screen, or eating. We recommend that your student brings a spare mask to school.
- Review the attached Reopening Student Health & Safety Guidelines with your student prior to returning to school.
- Prior to coming to school, parents are asked to perform a daily health assessment on their student. Students who show any symptoms of COVID-19 should remain at home.
- Families must notify the school if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or if a member of their immediate household is presumed to have COVID-19.
- Breakfast and lunch are provided at GVA for all students who ordered in advance. If you have had a change in family income status, you are welcome to reapply for free or reduced priced meals. Learn more about Free/Reduced-Price meals and print an application [here](#).
- Please be aware that positive COVID-19 cases and exposures could result in the need for your student to *temporarily* switch to online learning as a result of required quarantines by students or staff. **To that end, be sure that your students keep their Chromebooks and mobile hot spot at home until the end of the school year.** Families should also develop contingency plans for childcare, should a positive case or cases require your student to temporarily move to online learning. Unfortunately, due to Cuyahoga County Board of Health guidelines and the short notice we receive when we learn of a positive COVID-19 case, students and staff may be required to pivot to online learning with less than 24 hours of notice.
- Vacations during instruction time, especially out of state or out of the country, **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** GVA reserves the right to withdraw families who do not comply and choose to skip instructional time for vacation. There will be no remote learning option for students on vacation. Our attendance policy is attached for review. If you have a family emergency and need to travel, please contact the office immediately to make arrangements.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility and resilience this year. Balancing learning and safety during a pandemic are very challenging and our students depend on our entire community's commitment to stop the spread of COVID-19.

We look forward to a safe, healthy return to onsite learning. We're very hopeful about 2021 and the plans and goals we have for the second half of our school year.

Sincerely,

GVA Administration