Greenville Public Schools believes the absolute best instruction for our students takes place in person, however, the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Our hope is GPS will be able to start school in person this fall, if at all possible. We continue to see a rise in the COVID-19 cases in our community so we are continually looking at our plans and watching the data that is changing daily. When our students do return to school, we will have many safety protocols and procedures in place that will help keep everyone safe while in our school buildings. We expect learning and schedules may look different, but safety while in our school buildings. We expect learning and schedules may look different, but safety while in our school buildings.

Currently, our region is in Phase 4 of this plan, where in-person instruction is permitted, but only with several required safety protocols in order to ensure the safety of our staff and students. The return to in-person instruction will also be contingent on the level of activity of COVID in our local county, so there is some flexibility to these guidelines. When in-person instruction does take place within Phase 4, you will see many procedure changes including the following:

• Teachers and students wearing masks
• Screening everyone who enters the school buildings
• Limiting visitors to our schools
• Keeping cohorts of students together for much of the school day
• Having flexible schedules
• Maximizing movement of students and teachers through the halls as much as possible
• Limiting larger group gatherings
• Scheduling meals in the classrooms

GPS has been working closely with a task force comprised of parents, community members, local health agencies, public safety and school staff to help assist in the planning for the opening of our schools. We have received valuable feedback from our stakeholders through online surveys and we are using this information to guide our planning process as well. Our goal is to ensure a safe and flexible learning plan that meets staff and students’ basic needs and provides a high-quality academic program.

As we continue to develop our return to school plan, some protocols will look different at the elementary level than the secondary level. We plan to update our stakeholders continually as additional information becomes available. Although in-person instruction is the best option to educate our students in order to make personal connections for learning, safety comes first so we will continue to evaluate the risks as we get closer to the start of school.

GPS does have a full K-12 online learning option for students and families who are not able to or who are uncomfortable with returning to in-person instruction when it does take place. GPS is committed to being ready to meet the needs of every student and we are excited to welcome our students back to our schools in the fall.

The extent to which our students can be physically present in school directly depends on the health and wellbeing of our community. The healthier we are, the more normal our upcoming school year can be for our children. Our efforts, as a community, will make a significant and positive difference. Michigan was leading the way in flattening the curve and we cannot stop now. Every time we choose to maintain social distance, wear a mask in public places, wash our hands and take necessary precautions recommended to us by our health experts, we are making a positive impact toward our students being able to return to their classrooms.

Please join us as we work together to bring our children back into the classroom.

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**Tribute to Class of 2020**

Greenville Public Schools would like to congratulate the GHS Class of 2020. Although we were not able to honor the GPS seniors as we traditionally have in the past, a committee of staff members, parents and students worked collaboratively to come up with unique ways to celebrate them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is a look at some of the ways we honored our graduates:

• “Be the Light” event at Legacy Field
• Class of 2020 scrolling marquee on the digital sign on Hillcrest Street.
• Teacher farewell during cap and gown pickup event.
• Senior banners posted along Greenville West Drive (partner- ship between Senior Mystery Trip and Daily News).
• Senior Stage Walks - 200+ graduates received their diplomas on Legacy Field over three days. Each graduate’s immediate family was able to take pictures on stage and on the field.
• Class of 2020 honors and scholarship videos were posted on the GPS webpage. This video included the four big awards (Commander Grow, American Legion Auxiliary Award, Outstanding Male and Outstanding Female) as well as department awards.
• Honors Week awards were posted on social media throughout the pandemic closure.
• Congratulatory wishes via social media, ads and billboards.
• Graduation ceremony was held on Thursday, July 9 at 8:00pm.

The Class of 2020 is strong and resilient. We know this was not how they envisioned their final year at GHS, but we know this difficult and unfortunate situation will not keep them from pursuing their dreams. Best of luck to all with their future endeavors!
**Wellness**

Greenville Public Schools recognizes good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of students. The District has set goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits. These goals focus on:

- Nutrition Education
- Physical Activity
- School-Based Activities
- Nutrition Promotion
- Meeting USDA Competitive Food Regulations

The District’s Food and Nutrition Director is responsible for facilitating and verifying the District implements and meets the goals established in Policy 8510. For more information, please visit [www.gpsjackets.org](http://www.gpsjackets.org) or call 616.754.3686.

**Wellness**

**Asbestos Program Notification**

This notice is to inform you that state-approved asbestos inspection and management plans exists for all buildings in the school district. These plans are in each building’s main office and are available for review.

The Greenville Public Schools have adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district’s efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advance notice of the application of a pesticide, either in a bait or gel formulation, at your child’s school. This advance notice will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by law is the posting in a common area (orally if there is no common area) by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class mail (unless stamped “STOP” or “Return to Sender”). The second method is a written notice and the posting in a common area (orally if there is no common area) by the main office of the school. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by law is the posting in a common area (orally if there is no common area) by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class mail (unless stamped “STOP” or “Return to Sender”). The second method is a written notice.

- Pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.
- If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Rod Harrison, Director of Facilities, at 616-754-4436.
is the provider for our student meal deposits. You will need your student's
ID number. If their account is not current. It is the policy of GPS that students that have no money in their account may go into
debt on substitutions, must be submitted to the Food & Nutrition Department at the school the child attends. You can
contact Venus Cox, Program Director at coxv@gpsmi.us or 616-754-3686.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to comply fully with the requirements of Title VI, Title IX, Section
504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act and all accompanying regulations.

Due to COVID-19 and continued state restrictions, GPS may need to implement new crowd-management procedures since we are able to hold indoor performances. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we follow state guidelines for the safety of all.

We all live by these core values: INTEGRITY - COLLABORATION - COMPASSION - RESPONSIBILITY.

The Board of Education generally meets in the Community Room at the Central Services Facility, the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

For a complete schedule, please visit www.gpsjackets.org.

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THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

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No person shall on the basis of race, creed, sex, religion, national origin or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program activity or employment by the Greenville Public Schools.

Annual Notice of the Right to Request a Personal Curriculum Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for Graduation

What is a personal curriculum?

A personal curriculum is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content expectations based on a student’s unique learning needs and post-secondary goals. It is designed to serve students who want to Accelerate or to go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize MMC requirements to earn a high school diploma.

Who may request a personal curriculum?

A personal curriculum may be requested by:

• The parent or guardian of a student for whom a personal curriculum is sought.
• The student if the student is of the age of majority.
• An emancipated minor.
• A teacher who is currently teaching the student (who currently teaches in, or whose expertise is in, a subject area passed to be modified by the PC), who is determined by the principal to have qualifications otherwise relevant to developing a PC.
• A school or school employee qualified to act in a counseling role.

If the request for a PC is made by the student’s parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor, by the student, the school district shall develop a PC for the student pursuant to the parameters outlined in 320.1278(5).

When may a personal curriculum be requested?

A personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. A student who has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) may submit a personal curriculum request prior to 9th grade. If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade.

For more information on the Personal Curriculum (PC), or to make a request for a PC, please contact your student’s principal or counselor or visit the district’s website.

ANNUAL LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED:


The Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231-15.246, provides for public access to certain public records, permits the charging of prescribed fees and deposits, and includes exemptions and penalties for noncompliance. A person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of certain requested public records. Some public records are permitted or required not to be disclosed. The school district is a public body that must comply with the FOIA. The school district has established the following procedures and guidelines to implement the FOIA effective July 1, 2015. For purposes of these procedures and guidelines, terms have the same meaning as defined in the FOIA. A complete description of the FOIA is available on the Michigan Legislature’s website at www.legislature.mi.gov. Links to, or a physical copy of these procedures and guidelines will be included in each of the school district’s FOIA responses. Paper copies of these procedures and guidelines are available in print format at the Greenville Public Schools Central Office, located at 1414 Chase Street, Greenville, MI 48838.

Nondiscrimination

Greenville Public Schools does not discriminate, in admissions or employment, on the basis of any legally protected characteristics including race, age, disability, or sex.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to comply fully with the requirements of Title VI, Title IX, Section
504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act and all accompanying regulations.

If additional information is needed, please contact Lisa Sted at steedl@gpsmi.us or 616-754-3686.
**NEW Students:** Please contact Central Services Office at 616.754.3686 or email Ashley Ray at rayae@gpsmi.us

**CURRENT Students:** All returning families should update student information, sign appropriate forms and download other important information for the start of school using their ParentVue account at https://pvue.gpsjackets.org/pvue/

- If you do not have an account, please contact your student's school for more information.
- Your student’s schedule, teacher assignments and transportation information will be available through ParentVue starting early August.
- Additional information will come from your student’s school.

It is important for new families to register their children and returning families to verify their children’s information in ParentVue promptly.

This will allow GPS an accurate number of students to expect this fall and will provide the district with accurate parent contact information as well as communicate important information and announcements.

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**Back-To-School Information** is pending further guidance from the state.

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**Back-To-School Information**

- **Elementary Schools**
  - Grades: DK/ K - 5th
  - BACK TO SCHOOL INFO
  - Additional information, including teacher assignments, will be provided by your school mid-August and will also be available using ParentVue.
  - PARENTS RIGHTS TO KNOW
  - All GPS elementary schools are Title I buildings under federal guidelines of the ESEA. Parents whose children attend these schools have the right to request information about the qualifications of teachers and para-professionals who teach and work with their children.

- **Middle School**
  - Grades: 6th - 8th
  - BACK TO SCHOOL INFO
  - Letters and emails will be sent to parents and students in early August informing them of important back-to-school information. If you do not receive the information, please contact the office at 616.754.9361.
  - ATTENDANCE POLICY
  - Please call the attendance line at 616.754.1992 to report any absence or tardy on the day your student is going to be absent. This is a 24-hour line for your convenience. Appointments made in advance of the absence may also be reported on this line.

- **High School**
  - Grades: 9th - 12th
  - BACK TO SCHOOL INFO
  - Paper schedules and enrollment paperwork will no longer be mailed. Please complete all online forms prior to the start of the school year. Schedules will be posted on ParentVue/SchoolVue beginning in August. Schedule hard copies will be available during Orientation.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Students new to the district or returning to GPS from another school system will need to complete the online enrollment process at www.gpsjackets.org.

**STUDENT DRIVERS**

Students who drive to school must register their vehicle in the main office. All students must park in the student parking lot and are required to purchase a parking permit each year. The cost is $3 per tag.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Please call the attendance line at 616.754.4392 on the day that your student is absent. This is a 24-hour line for your convenience. Appointments made in advance of the absence may also be reported on this line. For questions regarding procedures or the attendance policy, please call 616.754.3681.

**OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION**

Details regarding Open Houses will be shared with families directly. This measure is to ensure capacity and social distancing requirements while welcoming our students to Greenville Public Schools.

**Enrollment**

Questions? Please contact Keisha Peters at petersk@gpsmi.us

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**IMMUNIZATIONS**

GPS works cooperatively with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) in an effort to prevent, control and contain communicable diseases in schools. Students are expected to be in compliance with required immunizations and to have current immunization records on file with their school. Before an exemption from this requirement will be granted, a certified non-medical waiver from the MMDHD will be required. If you have questions about your child’s immunizations, please contact the MMDHD at 989.831.5237.

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**Why We Need You To Fill Out Your Census 2020**

Public schools rely on accurate census count numbers to fund numerous educational programs. These programs include Head Start, Special Education and Title 1 funding. In order for our schools to receive the funding necessary for these programs, we need your help in completing the census count.

Historically, newborn babies and children under the age of 5 have been undercounted in the census count, which has an effect on our schools and programs we can provide.

In addition, accurate census count numbers are vitally important to our breakfast and lunch food service programs. A healthy breakfast and lunch are critical for our students to find success in the classroom. Helpful food assistance programs for our students can only be funded properly with this census data collection.

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**OK2SAY School!**

P: 855-565-2729  
Text: 652729  
www.mi.gov/ok2say

OK2SAY is a student safety initiative available to Michigan students in grades K-12 that enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or other school employees.

The program is operated through a partnership between the Department of the Attorney General, Michigan State Police, state agencies, schools, parents, law enforcement, and community leaders.

Anyone can confidentially submit tips 24/7 using the OK2SAY app, online at www.ok2say.com, texting 652729 (OK2SAY), or by calling 855.565.2729.