



# Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District

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DCG Families,

Thank you to those who viewed last night's informational Return-to-Learn meeting, if you were unable to join last night, you can find many answers to questions by [viewing the presentation here.](#)

Families will have a choice in how you would prefer your children engage in learning. In order to know how many students plan to attend on-site learning or participate in online learning we are asking that families fill out [this survey](#) for each of your children. As of now, our goal is to welcome all students back for in-person learning on Thursday, August 27th. This survey will allow us to plan for students that will be learning in buildings and students that will be learning online. Please fill out this survey for each one of your children. *Example, if you have three children that attend DCG, you will fill this survey out three times.* As you are making your selections for the upcoming school year, this is a commitment by semester. Once a student has made their selection they will be required to complete the semester with the choice selected. In order for us to gather this information in a timely manner please complete this survey by Friday, July 31st.

Below is an outline of each learning model:

## **On-site Learning Model**

We know the importance of in-person learning. We are committed to ensuring school occurs with reasonable safety modifications. The value of caring friends, classmates, and staff is essential to the mental well being of your child. Keep in mind, on-site learning will look different than it has in the past. As we consider your child's school day, we are planning for social distancing within all aspects of the school setting. From transportation, hallway traffic flow and student schedules to lunch, athletics and activities, we are committed to the safety of your child and our staff. Guidance from Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Department of Education will continue to impact our planning. Facial coverings are required for staff and students in this model. We will work to provide time during the day to give facial covering breaks, but believe the majority of the day will be spent with them on. Parents and volunteers will, in general, be discouraged from entering school buildings. We continue to remind ourselves that things will look different than in years past with returning to school.

## **Hybrid Learning Model**

The purpose of this plan is to provide an approach to instruction that allows fifty percent of students to attend on-site and in-person to allow for greater physical distancing and increased health and safety mitigation. In this plan, instruction will follow a two-week cycle where students engage with fifty percent of learning at school and fifty percent of learning at home.

We are considering Proclamation the following options if this model is chosen:

- Student Groups attend school every other day in ABABA/BABAB days
- Student Groups attend school following AAABB/BBBAA days
- Student Groups attend school following AAABB/AABBB days

Like the on-site model facial coverings will be required for both students and staff in this model. We will work to provide time during the day to give facial covering breaks, but believe the majority of the day will be spent with them on.

## **Online Learning Model for both On-Site and Hybrid Models**

All families have the choice based on concerns or needs for an online learning option for either the On-site or Hybrid Learning Models. The online learning option will be K-12 curriculum aligned to the common core standards taught by a licensed teacher. Participation is required and attendance taken. Grades will be given and students at the secondary level will receive credits a semester at a time.

## **Off-site Continuous Learning Model**

We must plan for the possibility of school closures. Should DCG be required to close any of its school buildings during the 2020-2021 academic year as a result of COVID-19, we must have a plan for online learning. This plan will only be implemented if the Iowa Department of Public Education, in consultation with the Iowa Department of Public Health, approves a change to remote learning due to public health concerns. This required continued learning will be graded, and student attendance will be taken. Secondary students will earn credits. Students will be provided with required educational activities to complete. This could be hard copy or digital.

I want to acknowledge this year will be challenging for families, students and educators. However, with challenge comes perseverance. I know we will rise to the challenge and continue our tradition of excellence. I want to thank the administration and cabinet groups for the countless hours spent making these plans. I also want to thank teachers and staff for showing resiliency and working so hard to provide positive learning opportunities for our kids this school year. We are in uncharted territory, and I appreciate your grace and understanding during this time. We are all in this together.

Thank You,  
Scott Grimes, Superintendent