

The Grenada School District is extending the response time on the Educational Plan of Choice to next Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Educational Plan of Choice Questions & Answers continued

- Will temperature checks be taken before students get on the bus? **No, temperatures will be checked after arriving at school. Parents are encouraged to check temperature and monitor their child's health conditions at home. If the child should appear to be sick, we ask you keep your child at home. Please notify the school and virtual lessons will be offered.**
- Will computers be provided for my child? **Yes, computers will be provided for all students K-12.**
- Are students going to be required to wear masks? **The discussion surrounding facial coverings (mask and shields) is very sensitive. In an effort to keep students and staff safe, we are examining every possibility in regard to this issue. The Center for Disease Control, Governor, President, Mississippi Department of Education, and the Mississippi Department of Health are currently adjusting guidelines for schools. These new guidelines will be available within the next few days. It is our hope that this new information will provide additional guidance and recommendations pertaining to school openings. Please be patient as we evaluate these guidelines.**



Educational Plan of Choice

Questions and Answers

I wish to extend my appreciation to all that have submitted questions and participated in the survey. Your interest in the Grenada School District has helped with the selection of an Educational Plan of Choice.

This is an attempt to answer pertinent questions surrounding the Grenada School District Educational Plan of Choice – traditional, hybrid, or virtual. As you realize, we are in a quickly changing environment due to COVID-19, which makes it difficult to offer concise firm answers to some questions. Please understand that in these unprecedented times, the Mississippi Department of Education and the Mississippi High School Activities Association are also dealing with difficult decisions which may cause an adjustment in answers to some of your questions. Please be patient and flexible as we work through this together.

Traditional, Hybrid, or Virtual Learning

1. Will students choosing hybrid be in the same room with the students choosing traditional? **In academic courses, traditional and hybrid classes will be kept separate when possible. Every attempt will be made to practice social distancing in traditional and hybrid classes when possible. Activities and athletics will have traditional and hybrid students in the same class.**
2. In the hybrid schedule, how many hours a day will students attend classes? **In the hybrid schedule, students will attend face to face 2 days a week and 3 days a week through virtual learning. The students will log into Canvas for a certain number of hours. The number of hours is to be determined by the Mississippi Department of Education.**
3. Will students have a set time to complete work? **For virtual and hybrid learning, students will have the opportunity to participate in classes through live on-line instruction during the school day at specific hours. However, the instruction will also be recorded and can be reviewed on-line later. We recommend participation in live instruction, but we understand the need to be viewed later in some cases.**
4. Is the quality of Traditional, Hybrid, and Virtual learning classes the same? **The student will not receive equitable services when choosing virtual or hybrid as compared to traditional learning.**
5. What will the hours of the school day be for Traditional and Hybrid learning? **The school days and hours will remain the same for these two options.**
6. Will students at GMS and GHS follow a 7 period day? **Yes.**

7. Lunch - **Students will pick up the trays in their school cafeteria and return to the classroom to eat lunch. GHS will offer different lunch options. They will eat in the classroom or in the cafeteria with social distancing.**
8. How will vocational classes be taught? **Welding, Automotive, Information Technology, Culinary Arts, and Construction will be offered in hybrid and traditional settings only. Career Pathways, Allied Health, and Teacher Academy will be offered in traditional, hybrid, and virtual options.**
9. Will a child with an IEP continue to receive related services such as Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, etc if the parent chooses online learning? **Special Education and/or related services (which includes speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy) indicated on the IEP will be provided under all school options. If you have a specific question regarding special education and related services, please contact the special education office at 662-226-3045 or email asimpson@grenadak12.com.**
10. Are all school options available to a student with an IEP? **Yes. Any student with an IEP will be served under the option that the parent chooses. If you have specific questions regarding special education and related services, please call the special education office at 662-226-3045 or email asimpson@greandak12.com.**

Activities & Athletics

11. Will specials in Elementary School such as art, music, and PE still happen? What about recess? **Yes, most specials will take place in the classroom. Recess will be staggered by classes and equipment will be cleaned after each class.**
12. How will co-curricular activities take place under the Traditional, Hybrid, or Virtual options?
 - **Arts and NJROTC: High School Band, 6th/7th/8th Band, Visions, Entertainers, Ovations, and Stars will operate under the following guidelines as outlined below:**
 - **Traditional scheduled students will attend face to face classes Monday-Friday and all after school rehearsals and practices.**
 - **Hybrid scheduled students will attend face to face class on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday ONLY. On the opposite days of face to face learning, students will be required to participate in on-line learning with their instructor. In addition, students will attend all after school rehearsals and practices.**
 - **Virtual scheduled students will attend classes on-line each day of the week. Students will attend all face to face after school rehearsals and practices. In addition, to be performance ready, your directors may deem it necessary for the student to attend no more than 6 rehearsals during the school day per semester.**
 - **Athletics: students will be required to participate in the class period, after school practices, and competitions regardless of the Traditional, Hybrid, or Virtual model.**

13. Is the district going to provide transportation for athletics and activities? **With hybrid and virtual learning, parents will be responsible to provide transportation for rehearsals and practices. The school district will provide transportation to competitions.**

Pre-K

14. Will there be more information about Pre-K? **Please contact Grenada Elementary School at 662-226-8900 for more information relating to Pre-K.**
15. Does the Traditional, Hybrid, and Virtual options apply to Pre-K students? **Pre-K students will participate in face to face learning.**

Safety

16. If a COVID-19 outbreak occurs during the first semester, will classes switch to virtual learning? **It is possible classes will be switched to virtual learning. The school district will continue to monitor cases and trends in our area.**
17. If I feel it is unsafe for my child to no longer attend the traditional setting, can I switch to virtual learning? **Our principals and administrative team will work with the parent to navigate through the different options available to the student.**