



## Gateway Unified School District

*Providing Excellence in Learning: Every Student, Every Day*

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### Procedures for 2020-2021 School Year

September 28, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members:

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought great changes to the world, and the Gateway Unified School District is no exception. The District has monitored safety requirements and recommendations from the Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency and has developed protocols and processes to help ensure the safety of our students, staff, and visitors for the 2020-21 school year. Any person entering District property or attending District-sponsored activities **must** follow all safety protocols, summarized below. These protocols may change as we receive new information from local and state authorities.

While we are doing all we can to protect you, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. Given the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19, the District cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed to the virus while on District property or at District events, even with safety measures in place.

**By working at, attending, or entering District property or District events, you are acknowledging that the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists, and you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.**

Please read through this information in its entirety **and sign and return the acknowledgement below by TBD**. We are working hard to protect you in the midst of this pandemic, but it is essential that everyone does their part to protect each other.

BUCKEYE SCHOOL  
OF THE ARTS  
3407 Hiatt Drive  
Redding, CA  
96003  
(530) 225-0420

CENTRAL VALLEY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
4066 La Mesa Avenue  
Shasta Lake, CA  
96019  
(530) 275-7075

GATEWAY  
EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS  
3500 Tamarack Drive  
Redding, CA  
96003  
(530) 245-7960

GRAND OAKS  
ELEMENTARY  
5309 Grand Avenue  
Shasta Lake, CA  
96019  
(530) 275-7040

MOUNTAIN LAKES  
HIGH SCHOOL  
17752 Shasta Dam Blvd.  
Shasta Lake, CA  
96019  
(530) 275-7000

SHASTA LAKE  
SCHOOL  
4620 Vallecito Street  
Shasta Lake, CA  
96019  
(530) 275-7020

## Protocols for Students

1. Do not come to a school site, classroom or District event if you are sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19.
  - a. Inform the District within 24 hours if you or a member of your household contracts COVID-19.
  - b. A health care provider's release must be provided before returning to a school site if you have tested positive for COVID-19.
  
2. Students may have their body temperature verified before entering a school site.
  - a. District representative may scan student's foreheads with a touchless thermometer.
  - b. If a fever is recorded, then you must leave the site immediately. A fever is 100.4°F/38°C or higher.
  
3. Face Covering Requirements
  - a. Students between the ages of 2 years old and second grade are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings if they can be worn properly.
  - b. A face shield is an acceptable alternative for children between the ages of 2 years old and second grade who cannot wear a face covering properly.
  - c. Space between student desks will be maximized where practicable.
  - d. Face coverings must be worn on face as designed for coverage of mouth and nose.
  - e. Face coverings can be a fabric self-supplied style or medical style.
  - f. Face coverings must be worn by students in the third grade and above at all times.
  - g. Face coverings may be removed for meals, snacks, naptime, outdoor recreation, or when it needs to be replaced.
  - h. Inform the school site administration as soon as possible if you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask.
  
4. Utilize hand-sanitizing/hand-washing procedures.
  - a. Best practice is to wash hands with soap and water frequently. Sanitizer must be used if soap and water is not readily available, and upon entering a building or classroom, and when otherwise necessary.
  - b. Use hand sanitizer at various locations under staff supervision.

## Protocols for Visitors

**\*\*The District is only allowing essential visitors on campus at this time.**

1. Visitors must sign in at front desk of the school site.
2. Visitors must have their visitor pass readily available when requested.
3. Visitors who are sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed onto District property or to attend District events.
4. The District may verify the body temperature of visitors before they enter a school site.
  - a. A District representative will scan your forehead with a touchless thermometer.
  - b. If a fever is recorded, then you must leave the site immediately. A fever is 100.4°F/38°C or higher.
5. Visitors must wear face coverings prior to entering District property.
  - a. Social distancing of 6 feet minimum must be maintained whenever possible.
  - b. Face coverings must be worn on face as designed for coverage of mouth and nose.
  - c. Face coverings can be a fabric self-supplied style or medical style.
  - d. Face coverings must be worn at all times when on District property.
6. Utilize hand-sanitizing/hand-washing procedures.
  - a. Best practice is to wash hands with soap and water frequently. Sanitizer must be used if soap and water isn't readily available, and upon entering a building or classroom, and when otherwise necessary.
  - b. Use hand sanitizer at various locations under staff supervision.

## What We're Doing

1. We will enforce all safety and health protocols for employees, students, and community members as practicable.
2. Protocol signage will be posted at every entrance.
3. We have arranged multiple cleaning and disinfecting of areas throughout the day and evening.
4. Touchless hand sanitizers will be available throughout campuses as well as other hand sanitizing means.
5. Hand washing is strongly recommended for students, staff and visitors.

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2020-2021

## Transportation Requirements

Purpose: The Gateway School District understands the value of providing transportation to and from school and for school related activities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is vital that parent(s)/guardian(s) that choose to utilize District provided transportation work with the Transportation Department to ensure the best possible health and safety conditions for all students and their families.

As the District makes plans to return to Phase 3 Instruction for the 2020-2021 school year, all families **that choose** to use District provided transportation will adhere to the following conditions:

- All students** should be health screened **at home**, prior to arriving at the bus stop. If your student(s) have [signs of illness](#), they should not ride on District Transportation or attend school. If a school bus driver believes a student is showing signs of illness, they **may not** permit a student to enter the bus. Accommodations may be provided, please contact your school site.
- Parent(s) should remain with their student(s) until the bus arrives and student(s) enter the bus.
- All students must wear a face covering while waiting at the bus stops.
- All students must wear a face covering while entering, exiting, and during transport by the District.
- All students must sit where the bus driver assigns.
- Students are to remain seated **and** should aim to limit interaction with other students while on the bus. Students whose behavior is deemed as disruptive to the health and safety of other students **may lose their riding privileges**.
- All bus drivers will wear face coverings while transporting students.
- Buses will be sanitized between morning and afternoon runs and again at the completion of the end of day drop off.

***Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the above conditions may change.***

All other transportation policies and regulations are still in affect and should be followed by all students and parents. If you have further questions about district transportation please contact the **Transportation Department at 530-245-7930**.

**Pledge & Acknowledgment**

I have read and understand the content of this notice. I agree to abide by all guidelines and procedures in this notice, which may change over time as circumstances change over time. I understand that COVID-19 is a serious and highly contagious virus and it is possible to be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 even if I or my child/ward follow all safety precautions above and those recommended by the CDC, local health department, and others.

I understand that my signature below is a condition to my/my child/ward attending school in-person for the 2020-2021 school year, and that I/my child/ward have/has the option to engage in a distance learning option in lieu of in-person instruction.

For students under 18 years:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature  
For students over 18 years:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date