

Grant Park High School

*September 2021
Back to School Planning Guide*



Preamble

Throughout the province all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students are being welcomed back to full-time, in-class learning.

The following information will outline the updated procedures that have been put into place to keep our school community safe. These measures follow foundational documents produced by [Winnipeg School Division](#) and the province. These guidelines are subject to change based on the most current recommendations of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer.

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Screening

- *All students attending the school are to be screened at home on a daily basis by parents/guardians using the provided QR code.*
- *Any staff or student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.*
- *As previously announced wearing masks is required. Disposable masks will be made available to all staff and to students who may not have access or who have forgotten to wear their mask on a given day*

Additionally, all educational workers including teachers, school and educational support staff, practicum students, bus drivers and custodial staff will need to be fully immunized for COVID-19 by October 31st or undergo regular testing, to protect Manitoba against a fourth COVID-19 wave.

Arrival/ Assigned Doors

Enter the school using the door indicated for your grade level. There will be signs on the doors and staff members will be there to screen you and to help direct you to the first class indicated on your timetable.



Grade 7/8

Grade 9 -12

ISS Program

Staff

Northwest Entrance

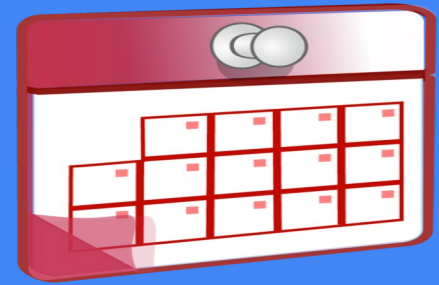
East Entrance

Southwest Entrance

Southeast Entrance

- Students will arrive no earlier than 8:45 am
- Put on your mask before entering the building
- Students will enter through their assigned doors and be reminded to maintain distancing while waiting
- Staff members will greet students at the doors for screening and hand sanitizing reminders
- Visitors and community use of schools are now permitted providing adherence to PH recommendations
- Students will walk straight to their classroom where the teacher will greet them and assign a desk

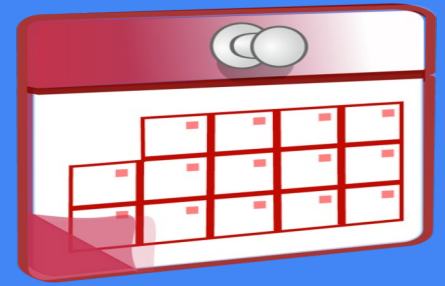
Scheduling



Students will be following their assigned schedules. High school students will participate in a half hour long TAG information session first thing on Wednesday morning. At the conclusion of the TAG students will follow the Day 2 schedule indicated on their timetable.

Middle school students will report directly to their homeroom where processes and protocols will be discussed with their assigned teacher.

Scheduling



- * Please note that to maintain the integrity of our social distancing model the following protocols have been put into place:
 - Students must exit the building at the completion of their school day
 - At no time will students be permitted to “hang out” in the school or congregate in the hallway they must attend the library, cafeteria or leave the building (additional seating has been arranged for both locations)
 - Movement between classes will continue to be in controlled, single file order with no stopping

Cleaning and Disinfecting



- *Our diligent custodial team has been working very hard over the summer to make sure we are ready for a safe return.*
- *We will continue to have an increased cleaning schedule which includes frequent cleaning of door knobs, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, etc.*
- *Air handling units have been adjusted to bring in increased quantities of fresh air and run for extended intervals.*

COVID Vaccination Clinic



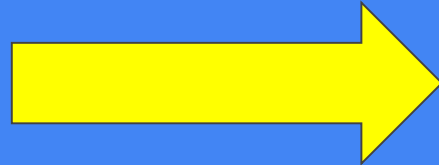
- *Public health will be organizing and providing a clinic at GP for grade 7 – 12 students to provide either their first or second doses (tentatively scheduled for September)*
- *There are also plans for a regular school catch up clinic as well (tentatively scheduled for November)*

Will Classrooms Look Different?

- *Classrooms will largely look the same.*
- *Some modifications have been necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: spaced seating, less clutter, and floor markings indicating egress and social distancing reminders.*
- *Student supplies will not be communal.*
- *NOTE: Performing Arts and Physical Education will continue based on safety guidelines established by the province and Winnipeg School Division.*

Walking in the School

- *Please stay to the right and follow the yellow arrows on the floor.*
- *Please remember to socially distance 1m from the next person when walking in the halls.*



Washrooms/ Change rooms



- *There will be limits to the number of students allowed to access a washroom at any one time.*
- *We are asking students to not use washrooms during the transition from class to class to reduce congestion and line-ups. Instead, they may use the washroom during class time.*
- *Access to change room facilities will be strictly controlled.*

Lockers



- *Students will not be assigned lockers at this time to reduce congestion in hallways.*
- *Students will need to be prepared to carry materials from class to class.*

Appointments/ Early Pick-ups



- *School entry will continue to be monitored and controlled.*
- *Families are encouraged to use the Safe Arrival application and let us know if a student needs to be picked up early so we can have them ready. 1-855-278-4513 or visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> .*
- *Once parents arrive, they will be reporting to the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet-up.*

Outdoor Classroom Space



- *Teachers should be accessing our courtyards and outdoor spaces as often as possible.*
- *Students will need to come dressed appropriately for outdoor learning.*
- *When weather and circumstances permit windows will be open to facilitate air flow.*

Bussing



- *Students will be required to wear a mask while on busses and will need to follow safety protocols at all times.*

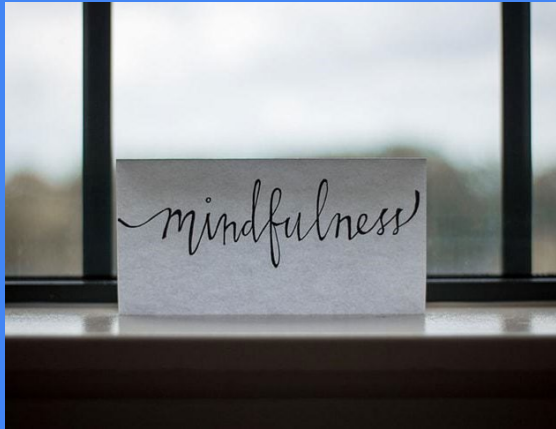
Learning



- *Teachers will prepare students at the beginning of the year to access online learning platforms in the event the public health measures necessitate a return to remote learning.*
- *Recovery Learning - The impacts of COVID-19 on student learning will be felt into the 2021/2022 school year and beyond. These impacts have affected our students and staff in different ways and a varied, strategic approach to address them is required.*

As the new school year begins, GP teachers and students will collaboratively assess strengths, identify challenges, and set new learning goals. The information gathered from these formative assessments can be used to plan rich learning experiences and targeted interventions. Student assessment and transition planning should emphasize and respond to learning needs identified in June 2021 report cards.

Mental Health and Wellbeing



- *COVID-19 has been tough on everyone, especially our students. Student mental wellbeing will be talked about and monitored as our school community returns.*
- *Staff will be trained on trauma informed classrooms from Clinical Support Services.*
- *Grant Park High School will continue to be supported by our school counselling team, Clinical Support Services (Psychology, Social Work, Speech and Language, and Literacy) and our in-house Occupational Therapist.*

Performing Arts



- *Drama, Choral and Band courses are a vital and important part of the programming we offer at Grant Park. The safety and well-being of all our students is paramount and we will be strictly following provincial and divisional guidelines so that we can safely offer this programming to our students. This may include utilizing outdoor spaces and maintaining strict distancing protocols. Please note that singing and wind instruments are allowed, while ensuring adequate ventilation and physical distancing where possible.*

Physical Education



- *Physical Education classes are very much valued at Grant Park. We acknowledge the benefits and necessity of a healthy lifestyle. Divisional and provincial protocols will guide us as procedures are developed that will allow physical activity while ensuring the safety of staff and students.*

- *As much as possible Physical Education programming will take place in outdoor settings as much as possible, as they are a lower risk for transmission of COVID-19. GP PE programming will be modified/adapted to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the Province of Manitoba - Sports Guidelines.*

Extracurricular Activities



- *Extracurricular activities will be permitted in accordance with public health guidance and orders and pending school division approval .*
- *As the COVID 19 response evolves we will announce any changes to the school's program offerings and post the information on our website.*

General Recommendations



- *Stay home when ill.*
- *Bring a water bottle and snacks.*
- *Masks are mandatory for staff and students.*
- *Wash your hands with soap multiple times a day (e.g. start and end of the day, when using washrooms, before food prep/eating, when they are dirty, after wiping your nose, etc.).*
- *Hand sanitizer is available at the school.*
- *Maintain physical distance between yourself and others.*
- *Everyone must follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe.*
- *Avoid item sharing (food, water bottles, musical instruments, books, devices etc.).*

Closing Remarks



The Grant Park staff community acknowledges that the pandemic continues to pose some challenges for the school setting. Our community has learned some valuable lessons over the last year and a half and will use this knowledge as we plan for effective learning in 2021/2022. We are committed to making school safe, happy, and productive for all of our student body. We will follow public health recommendations while ensuring that we address the physical and mental well-being of our students. Please check our website regularly for updates and feel free to contact us with any questions, ideas, or concerns.