

GASTON HIGH SCHOOL PROCEDURES

20/21 Year

FACIAL COVERINGS: Students will be encouraged to wear a mask, especially during class transition times or moving through the halls of the school. A mask will be provided at the request of any student. There may be custom GHS face masks for purchase in the front office of the school in the future. We will send more information soon.

CLASS CHANGE: Our hallways will be divided by directional traffic flow. Students will not be allowed to congregate in the gym, hallway, or atrium.

LUNCH MONEY: All lunch money sent to school MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE (IN PRINT) STUDENT NAME, GRADE, ACCOUNT NUMBER AND AMOUNT. All student must put the envelope in the Gaston High School Drop Box located in the lunchroom entrance before entering the main building.

BREAKFAST: Breakfast will continue to be provided in our lunchroom from 7:20-7:40. Students will pick up their breakfast and take it their first period class.

LUNCH: We will reduce our lunchroom capacity by rotating classes through a dining schedule where some classes will eat in the lunchroom and others in the classroom. Food and drink will not be allowed in computer labs. Therefore, some classes will be regularly scheduled in the lunchroom. Students will not be allowed to have outside food delivered. Microwaves will not be accessible; students who bring food from home will need to pack items that do not require heating or reheating.

ASSEMBLIES: We will not have indoor assemblies at this time. We will try and schedule Pep-rallies or other events outdoors (weather permitting).

MORNING ARRIVAL: Any student arriving prior to 7:30 will report to the lunchroom. At 7:30 students will be dismissed by section to report to their assigned classroom. Students will not be allowed to congregate in the hallway. As students enter the building after 7:30, they will report to their assigned classroom. The tardy bell rings at 7:45.

DISMISSAL: There will be a staggered dismissal each afternoon. Bus Riders - 2:50; Drivers – 3:00; Car riders – 3:00

BREAK: Students will receive various breaks that will be scheduled. The break may take place in the classroom at times depending on weather, but students will be allowed to visit assigned vending/ drink machines and restrooms with the teacher's permission during this scheduled break times.

PE: PE classes will use the track and field on campus as much as possible (weather permitting). Social distancing guidelines will be followed when inside the PE gym. All PE equipment will be sanitized frequently. Athletic PE classes will continue to adhere to previous guidelines practiced during summer.

VENDING MACHINES: Vending machines will be available to students during the break. Machines will be regularly sanitized before, during, and after break daily.

VISITORS: Visitor access will be extremely limited at this time. Unless checking in or checking out your student, we ask that you contact Gaston High School at 256-547-8828 or by email, to make an appointment with the teacher, counselor, nurse, or administrator.

FIELD TRIPS: We will not plan field trips at this time. We hope to be able to add these learning opportunities back into the classroom soon.

CLEANING & SANITATION: There will be regularly scheduled cleaning and sanitizing of the facilities throughout the school day. Classroom teachers will educate students on best practices for self-care for themselves as well as others. Gaston High School has requested 53 extra hand sanitizing stations that will be placed throughout our entire school campus (main school building & athletic facilities). Teachers will be provided with classroom cleaning supplies to aide in supported cleaning.

CLASSROOM SEATING: Student desks will be spaced apart as much as is feasibly possible and placed in forward-facing rows. FACS and Art classrooms have tables where dividers will be used.

TRANSPORTATION: The local school district has provided sanitizing equipment. School buses will be sanitized twice daily, before and after each route. ALL STUDENTS IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIT TOGETHER ON THE BUS DURING TRANSPORTATION.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: All athletic teams, band, cheer academic clubs will follow the guidance as applicable during meetings, practices, transportation, competition, and other organized activities provided by the AHSAA, DPH, ALSDE, and the ECBOE.