

Parent Update 1/6/2022

Good afternoon, parents. I hope you are doing well in the New Year despite the recent surge of Covid-19 cases. We appreciate the flexibility of our students and staff as we adjusted to the early dismissal schedule to help reduce contacts. A decision about the schedule for next week will be shared by Friday. Thank you for continuing to reinforce our Covid-19 protocols. This includes wearing a mask, social distancing, frequent hand washing, and notifying our school nurse if your child is experiencing symptoms. These efforts are important to help us continue providing in-person learning.

As stated yesterday in Mr. Phillip's district update, we are currently approved to provide virtual instruction for the following reasons:

1. A student tests positive for Covid-19 and is required to quarantine for ten days. The recent updates shared by the CDC and New Jersey Department of Health reducing quarantine timelines do not apply to schools at this time.
2. A student is required to quarantine if they are in close contact with an individual who tests positive for Covid-19. Close contact is defined as less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes and not wearing a mask. Individuals who are not vaccinated must quarantine for ten days, with the option to get tested on days 5 - 7. If the test is negative, the student may return on day 8. Vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine for close contact as long as they are not experiencing Covid-related symptoms.
3. A student experiencing Covid-19 symptoms and is waiting on the results of a PCR test may show proof of the test to start virtual instruction pending the results.

Virtual instruction must be approved by the administration in consultation with our school nurse.

A student's quarantine status will be noted in Skyward, and teachers will follow up with instructions on how to access the Google Meet for live-streaming their class.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessments

Marking Period 2 ends Friday, January 14th. Please remind your child to check in with their teachers to see if they have missing assignments. This is also a good time to start thinking about course selections for 2022/2023. Teachers will be entering recommendations by the end of the month, and we'll host class meetings at the beginning of February to discuss the Program of Studies and scheduling process. A similar meeting to discuss scheduling and the transition to high school will be held for parents of 8th graders on February 3rd at 7pm.

All New Jersey public high schools will be administering a new graduation assessment this spring for the current Junior class. The New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment will be administered during the week of March 14th and will test students' proficiency in Language Arts and Mathematics standards through the 10th grade. We will follow up in a separate memo with more information as it's released by the New Jersey Department of Education.

GRHS will be administering the Advanced Placement (AP) exams May 2 - 13. GRHS will be following a regular daily schedule, with students who are taking exams excused from classes for the day.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments will be administered from May 16 - 27. All students enrolled in the following courses will take the tests:
English Language Arts: Grades 7 - 9

Mathematics: Grades 7 - 9

Science: Grades 8 & 11

Stay connected!

This is a reminder to follow us on Instagram @GRHSRidgers for the latest news about student activities, athletics, and Guidance Department services.

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