

# Garfield Elementary School

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2020-2021 School Year

Kindergarten-Second Grade Start Date: August 13, 2020

Lil' Oso Learning Academy PreK Start Date: August 20, 2020

# Principal's Update

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Dear Families,

I wanted to provide you with some clarity on the learning options Garfield Elementary will be offering this year. GES families will have two options:

- Bears Reentry Model or
- Bears Online Learning Academy

We will need to hear from all our families by July 30, 2020 to ensure ample time to plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Holguin

# Bears Reentry Model

GES students will move between 3 Learning Models based on NMPED designation. Currently we are designated as **Remote (Red)**

Red/Substantial Spread

## Remote

- Classes are taught remotely
- Teachers will utilize Canvas to deliver daily instruction
- Paper Packets will be provided for all students that do not have internet access
- Daily Attendance will be taken
- Grades will be taken

Yellow/Moderate Spread

## Hybrid

- All GES students will be back in the building: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Wednesday will be remote day for students where the building will be deep cleaned
- No more than 10 students in a classroom to accommodate for ample social distancing
- Masks/Face Shield for all students and staff at all times
- Temperature checks will be administered THREE times a day for all staff and students
- Frequent Handwashing
- No visitors unless approved by Admin

Green/Minimal Spread

## Full Entry

- All student back in the building FIVE days a week.
- No more than 10 students in a classroom to accommodate for ample social distancing
- Masks/Face Shield for all students and staff at all times
- Temperature checks will be administered THREE times a day for all staff and students
- Frequent Handwashing
- No visitors unless approved by Admin

# Bears Online Learning Academy

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- All Instruction is 100% ONLINE
- Daily Attendance will be taken
- Grades will be given
- Reliable Internet Access is required (it is highly suggested not to use a cell phone or cell phone hot spot)
- Signed Contract by parents required by July 30, 2020
- Chromebooks will be loaned to those in need of them
- Edgenuity Learning Platform and Imagine Learning Platform will be utilized
- Semester long commitment

# Additional Information

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- Please know that we are working hard to prepare for entry into the school building for those families choosing Bears Reentry Model when it is suggested by New Mexico Public Education Department and approved by the HVPS School Board to enter into Hybrid Model. We will be following all guidance "required" and "recommended" from NMPED, Osha and CDC Guidelines are also being implemented to ensure the **SAFETY** of **ALL** of our **STUDENTS** and **STAFF**.
- We will be looking for your help in implementing Remote Learning. This will not be like April and May instruction. Instead it will be more Robust and require all of us working together to ensure our students engage in an optimal learning environment.

# Safety Considerations for Student Reentry During Hybrid Model Implementation

The following is a list of some of the procedures GES is putting in place to ensure student and staff safety

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- Temperature checks **THREE** times a Day (upon entry, before lunch, before boarding the bus)
- No more than 10 students per classroom
- Masks/Face Shield will be used by all staff and students all day with the exception of eating and drinking. Students will be provided with a reusable mask and face shield.
- Frequent Handwashing/Sanitizing (one hour hand sanitation schedule, in addition to before and after: meals, bathroom, recess and PE)
- Frequent sanitizing of commonly touched surfaces throughout the classroom and school building
- Breakfast will be served in the classroom. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria. The lunch schedule will be staggered so that no more than 40 students will be in the gym at one time. Desks are being used to provide for 6 feet social distancing
- Flow paths will be indicated throughout the building to ensure social distancing

# Safety Considerations for Student Reentry During Hybrid Implementation Continued

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- No sharing of classroom materials, each students will have a bin to store supplies, students will also have a sneeze guard at their desks
- Students will be required to bring a water bottle and be allowed to refill it using the classroom sinks, all water fountains will be closed
- Signage will be used to indicate 6 foot social distancing in all areas where students will be required to line up
- Teachers will use a rope with 7 foot long knots to train students to adhere to 6 foot social distancing while students are walking in line.
- The building will be deep cleaned using cleaning, sanitizing and disinfectant techniques every Wednesday to prevent the spread of germs, this is in addition to daily cleaning.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned several times throughout the day
- Transportation is adding additional routes to accommodate for one student per seat, unless siblings. Busses will be sanitized in between routes

# Safety Considerations for Student Reentry During Hybrid Implementation Continued

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- Students will not be going to the library. Instead teachers will get a set of books for students each week. Books will be quarantined for a week before putting back into circulation.
- PE will be held in the gym. Each student will have a designated space outlined with tape to allow more than six feet social distancing at all times. PE activities will consist of no touch options (calisthenics, yoga, Just Dance, and various activities from [Games for social distancing](#))
- Recess will be allowed in groups of 10 or less. There will be a track, obstacle courses, and sensory paths for students to use. Students will not be allowed to use Playground equipment. Social distancing will be enforced at all times.
- Art and Music will be done in the classroom.
- Students will only leave classroom for Lunch, Recess, PE, and Bathroom Breaks



# Contact Information

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- If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Brandy Holguin or Sonia Rodriguez at (575)267-8280 or [bholguin@hatchschools.net](mailto:bholguin@hatchschools.net) or [srodriguez@hatchschools.net](mailto:srodriguez@hatchschools.net)
- Please complete the survey on Garfield Elementary School Website to indicate which learning option you would like for your child to participate in at <https://ges.hatchschools.net/>