



Mission: Create a culture of deliberate excellence with equity

Vision: Every Graduate will be future ready for personal success, college and career, and the global marketplace

Gobles Public Schools

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Team Gobles:

The Gobles Public Schools Reopening School Task Force consisting of twenty-four members has been meeting since mid-May 2020 to consider how to Return to School this Fall 2020. At the end of June 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 142 and the Michigan Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap. These frameworks identify Phases/Guidelines for Reopening School and requires all Michigan Schools to complete a Preparedness Plan that must be approved by the local Board of Education and submitted to the local ISD and State of Michigan by August 15, 2020 and August 17, 2020, respectively.

The 2020-2021 School Year will certainly look different. The Gobles Public Schools Preparedness Plan is being designed with the health and safety of our students and our employees as the top priority based on public health information available at that time. This plan to return to school is student-centered, focused on the social-emotional and physical health and safety of our students and staff and designed to keep our kids learning at a high level. At Gobles, we believe all students can excel; this goes for any type of learning environment. We look forward to having you - our parents, guardians and community - as partners in this effort.

There are six phases to the MI Safe Start Plan. As a district, Gobles is prepared to educationally support all six phases. If our region of the State of Michigan is in Phases I, II, or III, we will be required to close our buildings and move to our Remote Learning Plan and 100% remote learning. For our remote learning delivery model, we have identified one digital platform with a small number of common tools K-12. Our staff will be on-site at school providing digital instruction according to regular class schedules. Attendance will be taken. Assignments and Assessments will be routine. We have a solution for those without internet. If our region of the State of Michigan is in Phases IV, V, or VI, we will have K-12 in-person learning. We are able to do this safely with additional staffing, utilizing large spaces to social distance 6 feet, and wearing face coverings as required or strongly recommended by the local county health department. Currently, our region of the State of Michigan is in Phase IV. If and when this changes, we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. All updates can be found on the District Website.

For families with additional health concerns, or those not yet comfortable in sending kids back to school in-person, there will be an all-virtual learning option, the K-12 Gobles Virtual Academy. This is not a new program. Our current Gobles Virtual Academy will now be offered K-12. Students will join this online learning opportunity as Gobles students. More information will be forthcoming.

This week, to assist us in finalizing our plan and to prepare for implementation, we will be contacting all families to determine whether they intend to participate in K-12 in-person learning or whether they will be staying home and participating in the K-12 Gobles Virtual Academy. Additionally, for those families participating in K-12 in-person learning, we will ask whether you will utilize bus transportation. Our transportation plan involves students wearing face coverings and social distancing one student per seat. Family members will be allowed to sit up to 3 students per seat.

We are excited to welcome back our students and staff and will always strive to make Gobles the best place to be. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Let's make this a great year!

Sincerely,
Jeffery Rehlander