



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) 2020-2021 School Year Reopening

1) Will my child be at school every day when school reopens?

No – at least not at the beginning of the school year. The State guidelines for social distancing will require us to have fewer students on campus every day – approximately 15 per classroom. This means that students on campus in-person learning will take place from between 2 – 3 times a week.

2) How will my child learn when they are not on campus?

Our teachers will continue to instruct your children through our distance learning program that will be very similar to what was used this past Spring. Your child will still need a device and internet access.

3) Will it be safe for my child to return to campus?

GA is required – as all other schools – to adhere to strict safety guidelines when our scholars are on campus. These protocols include daily health screening for all staff and scholars (including temperature taking), social distancing, avoiding non-congregate settings, constant cleaning and sanitation, and all staff and scholars wearing face coverings.

4) What if my child does not have a face covering?

Grimmway Schools will provide two cloth/reusable face coverings for each scholar and will clean and disinfect them at the end of each day. However, if your child already has a face covering that they would like to continue to use, that is perfectly fine as long as it meets the CDC guidelines (Click for [ENGLISH](#), [SPANISH](#)).



5) Can I have my child be in distance learning for the entire year?

According to State guidelines, a full-time distance learning approach by an LEA that is a site-based school may only be offered under the following conditions:

- 1) It is as a result of an order or guidance from a state public health officer or a local public health officer*
- 2) For scholars who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID-19.*

6) I believe my child might meet the criteria for being medically at-risk.

Who should I speak with at the school?

The school principal. However, please stand by until we have received additional guidance from the state.

7) My child has an IEP. Will Grimmway Academy be able to provide the necessary services and program modifications?

Absolutely. It will look very similar to the ways in which we satisfied IEPs this Spring during school shut-down. Our SPED teams are extremely dedicated and are already planning for the upcoming school year. They will be in contact with you as we get closer to August 3rd.

8) Not being able to be with their friends every day has been extremely difficult for my child. What is Grimmway Academy going to do to address their social and emotional needs?

We at Grimmway Schools are committed to educating the whole child. As we were before COVID-19, we intend to be just as focused on your child's social-emotional learning (SEL) as their academic growth. We are already working on a multi-layered plan of supports that will address the SEL needs of our scholars which have surfaced since last March when the schools shut down due to COVID-19.



9) What if I will need supervision for my child on those days in which they will not be on campus for in-person learning?

We are committed to finding a child supervision solution for as many families in need as possible. We are working with local service providers in both Arvin and Shafter to develop as many options for families in need of supervision as possible. We will be sharing those with you as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

10) Will my child still be able to pick up a meal on those days when they are not on campus for in-person learning?

Yes. Meals will be distributed to students on campus during in-person learning, and we will also provide drive-through and walkup meal distribution as we did last spring.

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