

GATES COUNTY SCHOOLS

Summer 2021



Learning Program

June 14, 2021 - July 30, 2021

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents,

Summer learning programs are beneficial and critical to the continuity of learning and closing the achievement gap. As the Superintendent of Gates County Schools, I firmly believe the summer learning program ...

- is essential to closing achievement gaps,
- is a worthy investment in student achievement,
- must be available to any student,
- and provides a continuum of support and services for students.

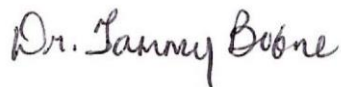
Students need to engage in educational activities and practice skills during the summer to maintain their educational progress. Our 2021 Summer Learning Program is an optimal way to support student achievement in a fun and engaging way.

We look forward to serving the students of Gates County this summer!

Sincerely,



Dr. Barry Williams, Gates County Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Tammy Boone, Assistant Superintendent

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Overview

HB82: School Extension Learning Recovery and Enrichment Program

Summer school will be offered to students through the guidelines of HB82: School Extension Learning Recover and Enrichment Program. Following the HB82 guidelines, Gates County Schools will offer in-person instruction, enrichment activities and social-emotional learning (SEL) supports.

Summer school will begin Monday, June 14, 2021 and will run through July 30, 2021, providing 150 hours of instruction, activities and supports. Summer school will operate 4 days per week, Monday through Thursday, according to the schedules outlined in this plan. The elementary and middle grades will consist of:

- Math instruction (K-8)
- Reading instruction (K-8)
- Science instruction (3-8)
- A period of physical activity
- An enrichment activity
- Meal service
- Social-Emotional Learning supports
- Transportation

The summer program for grades 9-12 will consist of:

- End-of-Course subjects
- Access to modules and teacher support for credit recovery
- Access to an elective course

This document contains details of the summer program as a guide for students and parents. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your school principal.

Outreach Efforts

Gates County Schools is committed to providing equitable educational opportunities to all students. The summer learning program is designed to identify students who are at-risk and to provide learning recovery. The summer program is also open to all students for enrichment.

The following is the information, all or in part, used to determine student eligible for learning recovery:

Student Grades	State Assessments	Child Study Meeting Data
iReady Diagnostic Test Data	Grade level Status	Principal/Teacher Meetings
Formative Assessments	EOG Assessment Data	School Counselor/Teacher
Classroom Performance Data	EOC Assessment Data	Principal/Teacher Meetings

Parents/Guardians are notified of student eligibility in the following manner(s):

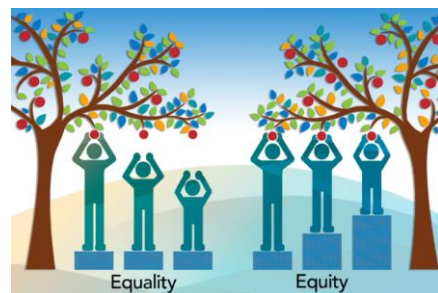
- ✓ Letters Delivered to the Home Address
- ✓ Phone Calls
- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ✓ Open House
- ✓ Emails

If you have questions regarding your child's eligibility, please contact the school principal.

Ensuring Equity

To ensure equity we:

- Prioritize the physical and social-emotional needs of particularly vulnerable students. Ensure safety, belonging, and mental health as a foundation for learning.
- Identify students experiencing learning gaps now and develop strategies to mitigate the longer-term impact of school closures on these students.



Daily Schedules

Schedule for In-Person Instruction for Grades K-2

8:15am - 8:30am	Student Arrival
8:30am - 9:30am	Reading Block
9:30am - 9:35am	Break
9:35am-10:35am	Math Block
10:35am-10:40am	Break
10:40am-11:40am	Intervention Time (iReady Online/Classroom Guidance Time)
11:40am-12:10pm	Lunch
12:10pm-12:40pm	Recess
12:40pm-12:45pm	Transition to Enrichment Activities
12:45pm - 3:00pm	Enrichment Activities (Rotating Schedule)
3:00pm	Dismissal

Gates County Public Schools will partner with AlphaBest and Cooperative Extension Service to provide Enrichment Activities during summer school. Proposed Enrichment activities will include the following:

- ✓ Engineering (STEM activities) Technology
- ✓ Art & Spanish
- ✓ Fitness and Wellness
- ✓ Social-emotional Learning (SEL) Supports

Gates County Schools will partner with RTI to provide Social-Emotional supports for students. Guidance Counselor will also provide pull out services, one on one services and group settings to provide social-emotional support to students.

For the K-8 program, i-Ready has been approved by NCDPI to be used as the Competency-Based Assessment (CBE) tool.

Schedule for In-Person Instruction for Grade 3

8:15am - 8:30am	Student Arrival
8:30am - 9:30am	Reading Block
9:30am - 9:35am	Break
9:35am-10:35am	Math Block
10:35am-10:40am	Break
10:40am-11:40am	Intervention Time (iReady Online/Classroom Guidance Time)
11:40am-12:10pm	Lunch
12:10pm-12:40pm	Recess
12:40pm-12:45pm	Transition to Enrichment Activities
12:45pm - 1:25pm	Science
1:25pm - 1:30pm	Transition to Enrichment Activities
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Enrichment Activities (Rotating Schedule)
3:05pm	Dismissal

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Schedule for In-Person Instruction for Grades 4-5

8:15am - 8:30am	Student Arrival
8:30am - 9:30am	Reading Block
9:30am - 9:35am	Break
9:35am-10:35am	Math Block
10:35am-10:40am	Break
10:40am-11:40am	Intervention Time (iReady Online/Classroom Guidance Time)
11:40am-12:10pm	Lunch
12:10pm-12:40pm	Recess
12:40pm-12:45pm	Transition to Enrichment Activities
12:45pm - 1:25pm	Science
1:25pm - 1:30pm	Transition to Enrichment Activities
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Enrichment Activities (Rotating Schedule)
3:05pm	Dismissal

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Schedule for In-Person Instruction for Grades 6-8

8:15am - 8:30am	Student Arrival (Grab and Go Breakfast)
8:30am - 9:30am	Math Block
9:35am- 10:35am	ELA Block
10:40am- 11:40am	Science Block
11:45am- 12:45pm	Lunch/Physical Activity
12:50pm - 1:50pm	GEAR UP Virtual Component Block
1:55pm - 2:55pm	Enrichment Activity (Art/Music/PE)
3:05pm	Dismissal

Gates County Public Schools will partner with AlphaBest and Cooperative Extension Service to provide Enrichment Activities for during summer school. Proposed Enrichment activities will include the following:

- ✓ Engineering (STEM activities) Technology
- ✓ Art
- ✓ World Languages (Spanish) Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Fitness and Wellness
- ✓ Social-emotional Learning (SEL) Supports

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Schedule for In-Person Instruction for Grades 9-12

1 st Block	8:00am- 9:34am	Math I, Math III, Biology, English II, Apex	Credit Recovery
2 nd Block	9:37am-11:11am	Earth/Environmental Science, English I, English IV, Apex	Credit Recovery
		Sports Management	Elective
Break	11:11am-11:59am	Lunch / Physical Activity Time	
3 rd Block	11:59am- 1:33pm	Math II, Math IV, English II, English III, Apex	Credit Recovery
4 th Block	1:36pm - 3:10pm	Foundations of Math, Math I, Robotics/Coding Enrichment, Apex	Credit Recovery

Gates County Schools will partner with RTI to provide Social-Emotional support to students. Additionally, the Guidance Counselor will provide social-emotional supports to students.



Transportation

School buses will run during summer school with the following guidelines:

- All students in grades K-12 and all staff must wear cloth face coverings when they are on a school bus.
- Riders' temperature must be below 100 degrees F.
- School buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily (see **Cleaning and Hygiene, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting**).
- Cleaning and disinfecting products will not be stored on a school bus.



School Nutrition

School meals, breakfast and lunch, will be provided during the summer for all students free of charge. Meal access will be provided in the following formats:

Parent Pick-Up	Meals will be available for parent pick-up at each school, Monday through Thursday.
Meal Delivery	Meals will be delivered to homes on Tuesday and Thursday.
Summer School Attendees	Meals will be available at school for students who are attending summer school.



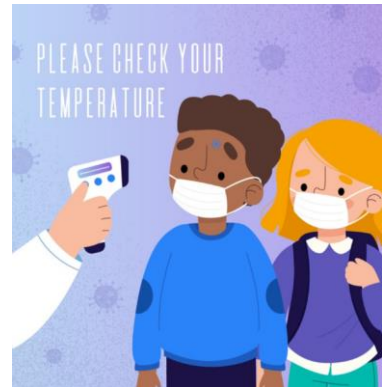
COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Monitoring for Symptoms

COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. The virus may spread to hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose or mouth, causing infection.

Students and staff should stay home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Symptom Screening will be conducted for any person entering the school building, including students, teachers, staff, and visitors. Symptoms can include: cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell. Screening will be provided at the school entrance or prior to boarding a school bus.



Temperature screenings are a required component of symptom screening and will be performed with a touchless thermometer. Individuals with a temperature of 100°F or higher is considered a positive screening.

In the event that a student or staff member has a positive screening, the school district personnel will follow the Positive Screening Protocol Checklists in the Reference Guide for Suspected, Presumptive, or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 (K-12) published by the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

Cloth Face Coverings (Facemasks)

Wearing face coverings help reduce the spread of COVID-19, especially for those who are sick but may not know it.

All students, staff members and visitors must wear a cloth face covering (facemask) in school buildings and on school buses.

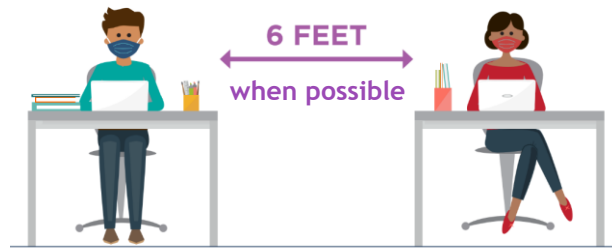


If a student or staff member forgets his/her facemask, or a visitor does not have a facemask, a new cloth facemask or disposable facemask will be provided.

Social Distancing & Minimizing Exposure

During the school day, students and staff are required to practice social distancing to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Social distancing is a key tool to decrease the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing means keeping space between yourself and other people.

The schools will mark six (6) feet of spacing on floors, seats, and desks to remind students and staff to stay six (6) feet apart when possible in waiting and reception areas, in lines and at other times when they may congregate such as lunch, recess, or class change. While six feet is not mandatory, we will continue to social distance to the greatest distance possible. Specific designations established are:



- Plexiglass physical barriers have been added for extra protection at reception desks, library check-out stations, and similar areas.
- Furniture, such as desks or seating in classrooms, break rooms, and reception areas, have been arranged so that students, teachers, staff and visitors are separated from one another by at least 6 feet when possible.
- The sides of hallways will be designated as one-way, with directional reminders on the walls and/or floor.
- The designation of entrance and exit pathways for classrooms and restrooms with directional reminders on the walls and/or the floors has been done to reduce the chance that people meet face-to-face.

Through announcements and signage, students, staff, and visitors will be frequently reminded to stay at least 6 feet apart when possible from one another.

Classroom Setup

Classrooms must be set up to ensure that students are social distancing with a least six (6) feet of distance when possible between each student and staff. The size of the classrooms is the main reason that student numbers must be limited. Extra desks and chairs will be removed or marked as unavailable to assist students and teachers with social distancing.

School Buildings - Managing Transitions

Schools will establish transitioning pathways marked with signage to ensure social distancing as students and staff move throughout the building.

Cleaning and Hygiene, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting

Hand Washing

Handwashing
is critical to avoiding the spread of COVID-19



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Due to the nature of school activities, students and staff need to be able to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day to minimize the transmission of viruses, germs, and bacteria. Many classrooms do not have sinks where students and staff would be able to wash their hands. Schools will provide soap in all restrooms and at all sinks. Students and staff will utilize handwashing with soap and water for at

least 20 seconds. Reinforcement of handwashing will also be done during key times such as: before and after eating food; after using the restroom; after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; after touching objects with bare hands which have been handled by other individuals.

Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer will be provided for use throughout the schools. Hand sanitizer stations are throughout the common areas of the buildings such as the main office area, hallways, cafeteria, and entryways. The sanitizer stations are touch-free to reduce the transmission of germs and viruses. In each of the classrooms, individual hand sanitizer dispensers are mounted to the wall and/or on the teachers' desk.



Cleaning and Sanitizing During the School Day

Before, during, and after the school day, custodians will perform ongoing and routine environmental cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch areas (e.g., door handles, faucet handles, toilet handles, light switches, desks, tables, chairs, cafeteria tables, kitchen counters, carts) with an EPA approved disinfectant for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19). School staff will clean and disinfect during the school day and during workdays.

Cleaning and Disinfecting After the School Day

Classroom and cafeteria surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at the conclusion of each school day. Touch points in common areas and bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day. An electrostatic sprayer with a nozzle that delivers a

disinfecting solution to the front, back, and sides of surfaces will be used to clean group areas bi-weekly. This system provides superior coverage and is effective in use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, as well as other viruses and bacteria. The system will be used in addition to normal cleaning procedures and will only be utilized when the school day is over.

Cleaning and Disinfecting School Buses



School buses will be used to transport students to and from school. Because individuals touch multiple places on the bus such as the handrails getting on and off the bus, the seats, the seat backs, and the windows, these areas will be cleaned after each route.

To ensure CDC recommended guidelines for sanitizing are followed on the school buses, the most efficient and effective method is to use Portable Sanitizer Foggers. Similar to the electrostatic sprayer, the Portable Sanitizer Fogger can cover multiple surfaces but it is portable as a backpack system that staff members can wear as a backpack and walk through the buses easily to sanitize each area of the bus. The Portable Sanitizer Fogger for each school will allow the transportation department to quickly and efficiently sanitize all areas of the school buses. This process will be done one to two times weekly.

Resources

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance#schools>

*Please Note: NCDHHS requirements are updated daily.

StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/Strong-Schools-NC-Public-Health-Toolkit.pdf>

StrongSchoolsNC Infection Control and PPE Guidance (K-12)

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/education/Strong-Schools-NC-Public-Health-Toolkit-PPE-Guidance.pdf>

StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) Frequently Asked Questions

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/401/open>

Reference Guide for Suspected, Presumptive, or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 (K-12)

https://files.nc.gov/covid/PHT-ScreeningReferenceGuide_6.30.pdf

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/covid-19-response-resources>

CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Gates County Schools Policy Manual

<https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=gates>

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