



Good Foundations Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to Good Foundations Academy for another great year. We hope you've had a wonderful summer and that you've been able to spend some time relaxing with family and friends.

We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with laughter, energy, and an enthusiasm for learning. As we look forward to that day, there are some things we want you to know.

School Schedule

Students will attend school in person, five days per week. Classroom teachers will provide in-person learning and will no longer support both in-person learning and distance learning.

Class List

Class lists will be posted on the windows located near the small playground on August 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Open House

GFA's annual Open House is scheduled for Monday, August 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please come and meet your teacher, ask questions, drop off class supplies, participate in vision testing, and much more!

Teachers will be given a 25-minute break during the open house event. Please plan accordingly.

Kindergarten:	10:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.
First Grade:	10:20 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Second Grade:	10:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
Third Grade:	11:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Fourth Grade:	11:20 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Fifth Grade:	11:40 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Sixth Grade:	12:00 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.

The first day of in-class learning is August 17th. School begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. All students must enter through the front of the building and go directly to their classrooms. Doors open at 7:40 a.m. each morning.

Please keep in mind that we will be following an early release schedule the first week of school. Students will be released at 1:00 p.m.

Back to School

Back to School night is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and learn important information about your child's classroom experience. We will have a parent meeting in the Gym from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please keep in mind that teachers will not be available to talk to parents before 6:30 p.m. or after 7:30 p.m. If you need additional time to meet with your child's teacher, we ask that you please set up a meeting for another time.

Morning Drop Off Reminders

- In an effort to maximize the safety of GFA students, and to minimize dangerous traffic congestion, we ask that all parents adhere to the morning drop-off and pick-up procedures:
- Morning drop-off begins at 7:40 a.m. Please make arrangements with a care provider like Next Generation, which is located behind GFA if you need to drop off your student before 7:40 a.m.
- Please pull as far forward as you can before stopping your vehicle to let your student out of the car. If everyone pulls as far forward as they can before stopping, we can unload twice as many students in the same amount of time.
- Students should be ready to exit the car immediately to keep traffic flowing.
- Students should only exit the car door closest to the sidewalk.
- Please do not get out of your car. Please park your car if your child needs assistance.
- Please be responsible with timelines. Not only is this an essential skill for success, but it will also limit disruption caused by being late for school. The school day officially starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Please be aware of the cross walk while leaving the school parking lot. You must turn **RIGHT** out of the exit located closest to the crosswalk between GFA and Utah Military Academy.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we work through high volumes of traffic at the beginning of the year.

Pickup Reminders

- For the safety of our students and staff, please drive **slowly** through the line. **There will be congestion during afternoon pickup.** Please be patient while our new families learn the procedure.
- Please do not use your cell phone while in the car line.

- Please be kind. We are a school of character and want to be examples. Aggressive and vulgar behavior will be addressed by the GFA Administration.
- Each class within a grade level will stand together in a designated area. Grades 6th, 5th, and kindergarten can be picked up in the front of the school in our drive through car lane at 3:00 p.m. This is the same car lane that we use during morning drop off. If you **DO NOT** have a student in grades 1-4, you may turn left to exit out of the car lane and prepare to leave the school. If you have a student in grades 1-4, you will turn right and continue to the back of the school. Students will be stationed in the following order in the back of the school: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and then Miss Becky's class. Maps will be available during our Open House event.
- We are asking that you avoid arriving early to the school and parking in the car line. You may be asked to move your car.
- If you are going to check your student out early, please park your car in the **parking lot** not in the drive through car lane before entering the school.
- If your child is going to walk to Target to be picked up, please notify his/her teacher of this arrangement.
- A.M. Kindergarten pick-up is located in the back of the school.

COVID-19

According to the Centers for Disease Control, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at a higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19.

If your child contracts the virus, he or she will not be able to attend school and participate in activities until 14 consecutive days pass and they are no longer symptomatic. Teachers will work with students who are sick and give them an opportunity to make up any work that was missed when they were out.

Face Masks

House Bill 294 passed at the end of the 2021 State Legislative Session and eliminated all mask mandates that had been established to that point. Good Foundations Academy will follow the direction of the Utah State Legislature, the Utah State Health Department and the Weber County Health Department regarding the use of face masks. Face masks are not currently required in schools. However, students and faculty members can wear face masks if they choose to do so. Good Foundations Academy will follow city, county, and state mandates. GFA will work with the local health department and government agencies to determine the need for activating remote learning if needed.

Good Foundations Academy will make every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. GFA has increased its cleaning and preparation of facilities in an effort to protect our staff and students. Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will remain common practices at GFA. Hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the school again this year.

It is essential that all families partner with us in monitoring the health of your students and families. We ask that temperatures be taken on a daily basis at home. No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher should attend school. It is imperative for the health and safety of all students and staff that students remain home on days they have a fever or any symptoms of illness. Teachers will work with students who are sick and give them an opportunity to make up any work that was missed when they were out.

Our priority is to keep all students and employees safe and healthy during these challenging times. We have and will continue to take the necessary measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our school community. We will also work closely with the Weber Morgan Health Department again this year and pass on any pertinent information to our GFA community.

Thank you in advance for making Good Foundations Academy a safe, fun and exciting place to learn. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make it another great year at GFA!

Sincerely,

Lisa Erwin
Executive Director
Good Foundations Academy

"Aim High, Work Hard, Be Great!"