

July 21, 2020

Dear GFA Families,

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. While it is the goal of Good Foundations Academy to return to robust face-to-face instruction for all students, we fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety. We are working diligently to provide the safest learning environment possible so that all students are physically present on the first day of school.

While we believe students learn best in the classroom, we recognize that we have medically compromised students and unique family circumstances. Parents of students with a higher risk of severe illness or those that do not want their child to attend a traditional in-school setting can sign up for a full distance learning plan.

If your family chooses the distance learning option, we need the attached application completed and returned to the school no later than July 29th. We will make every effort to give your student a full learning experience through our distance learning program.

If there are any substantial changes before school resumes, we will certainly communicate those with you. Thank you again for your continued patience and support during these difficult times.

Best Regards,

Lisa Erwin
Executive Director
Good Foundations Academy

“Aim High, Work Hard, Be Great!”

Good Foundations Academy

Application for Distance Learning 2020-2021 School Year (1st Quarter)

Due: July 29, 2020 by 2 p.m.

Please complete one form per child

Thank you for choosing GFA's Distance Learning option. We are excited to offer your child an alternative to the traditional classroom setting in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to making sure that your child continues to experience the care and commitment of our teachers and staff, and the routine of robust daily learning, through our distance learning program. In this option, students will receive instruction through pre-recorded lessons, video conferencing, class assignments, readings, and class activities through Canvas. Our goal is to provide your child a full learning experience. The following highlights the guidelines for our distance learning option.

- This agreement is for 1st Quarter only and can be renewed each quarter by application.
- Students participating in distance learning will be able to check out a school device for use at home if needed. Parents will be required to complete a Chromebook computer checkout application.
- Students will receive instruction through pre-recorded lessons and video conferencing primarily through Canvas.
- Attendance will be required and recorded by the teacher as per state law for those learning at home. Students should login each day for assignments and instructions from the teacher. If your child is unable to login due to illness, parents must notify the school to excuse the absence as if the student was attending school. Poor attendance may result in the withdrawal from our distance learning program as determined by the teacher and administration.
- Students will participate in the learning of all new grade level material and are expected to complete all required assignments on time as if the student was attending school.
- Distance Learning students can expect equivalent grading as in-school students.
- Students are required by the Utah State Board of Education to participate in all DIBELS reading assessments for all grades and RISE assessments for grades 3-6. Students must be physically present for testing. Teachers will schedule these assessments and follow all COVID-19 enhanced safety precautions during testing.
- In the event of unforeseen circumstances, and a distance learning student would like to return to the classroom, the school needs prior notice of at least 5 days to make the appropriate accommodations.

Here are some guidelines for Parents to support distance learning:

- Establish routines and expectations. A regular daily learning routine will help your child to learn more effectively at home.
- Define the physical space for your child's study.
- Monitor communications from your child's teacher.
- Take an active role in helping your child process and own their learning.
- Ensure that your child is completing all required assignments and submitting these to their teacher in a timely manner.
- Remain mindful of your child's stress or worry.

I agree, understand and will adhere to the requirements outlined above for the Distance Learning program at Good Foundations Academy. I will monitor, supervise and be engaged in my student's learning and will cooperate with the school in all aspects of the program.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

_____ My child will be participating in the Distance Learning Program for Quarter 1.

_____ I will need to check out a device for my student to participate in the Distance Learning Program

_____ I do not need to check out a school device to participate in the Distance Learning program.

I am the Parent/Legal Guardian of _____ **and I CONSENT** to remote services for my child during the 1st quarter of 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19.

Parent Signature: _____ Parent Name (print): _____