

September 22, 2020

Dear GFA Families,

GFA is grateful for the unwavering support of our school community during this difficult time. We remain focused and committed to ensuring that every child, every day continues to receive quality learning experiences that are rigorous, inspirational and provide opportunities to thrive, even from a distance!

While it is the goal of Good Foundations Academy to have all students back on campus, we fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety during this unprecedented time. Parents of students with a higher risk of severe illness or unique family circumstances will again have the opportunity to enroll in our distance learning program for quarter 2.

If your family chooses the distance learning option for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we need the attached application completed and returned to the school no later than October 7<sup>th</sup>. Students that are currently enrolled in our distance learning program, and would like to continue learning remotely, will need to complete a new application. Students that are currently learning in-class and wish to remain on campus do NOT need to take any action.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office at 801-393-2950. Thank you again for your continued patience and support!

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)

**Due: October 7, 2020 by 3 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3 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 2.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_