



## 2021-22 Genesee Academy Back to School Plan



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Alsalam Alaikum Dear Parents and Students:

We are excited to start the 2021-22 school year with our students. We will continue to strive for the highest excellence in academics and character while maintaining protocols for all our students' and staff's safety. In this regard the following practices will be adhered to while students attend Genesee Academy in-person:

### How will classes be held?

Currently, classes will be held face-to-face for all grades PK-12 Monday thru Friday. Students are expected to be in attendance and participate daily. Virtual and hybrid options will only be available if the state of Michigan is pushed back to Phase 1, 2, 3, or 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan.

### Will students wear masks?

With the Delta variant of COVID-19 continuing to show signs of increased transmission in our state, all staff and students K-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to wear masks in the building. This mandate is in consensus with the Genesee County Health Department public health order requiring masks to be worn by all students.

Students riding the bus to/from school will also be required to wear masks and adhere to any rules implemented by the MTA bus service.

### What measures will be used in the classroom to keep students safe?

Students in PK-5 will be confined to small cohorts whenever possible to limit the number of possible exposures. Desks and work areas will be socially distanced within the classroom as much as possible. Sneeze guards will also be on each student's desk/work area to prevent further exposure.

Students in grades 6-12 will be changing classrooms several times per day when they are in the building. Desks and work areas will be socially distanced within the classroom as much as possible.

The school will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques. We will also ensure that cleaning and sanitizing protocols from last year will be maintained for the upcoming school year.

### What about screening and testing?

Genesee Academy will comply with all screening requirements issued by the State of Michigan and will cooperate with the Genesee County Health Department in implementing protocols for screening staff and students.

Students will be screened upon arrival to the building with touchless thermometers. Any student upon arrival or during the school day with a fever of 100.4 or greater or suspected symptoms will be isolated in a designated quarantine area. Symptomatic students will be sent home from school will be kept home until they have completely recovered according to CDC guidelines.

If your student has any symptoms of illness, keep them home. It is CRUCIAL that students with symptoms are kept home. If a student is experiencing any illness at school, they will be isolated and sent home as soon as possible.

### How will absences be handled when my child is home sick?

If your child remains home because of illness, please contact the school to notify the school of the excused absence. Upon return, your child should bring a doctor's note or a note from the parent or guardian noting the illness. Students (and/or parents) should make arrangements with the teacher to make up work in a timely manner.

### Arrival and Dismissal:

For the safety of everyone, we will continue with the following plan: The buses and the cars will drop the elementary and middle school students first at the main entrance, next they will drop the high school students at the high school entrance, last they will drop the ELC students at the ELC entrance. The older sibling cannot walk their younger sibling to their classroom. The parents should take the temperature of their children before riding the bus or dropping them at the school. The staff at each school entrance will take the temperature of the students upon arrival and will ask the students to use



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the hand sanitizer. Please, do not send your child if he/she is sick. If your child has high temperature, please keep them at home; do not give them Tylenol and send them to school.

We will follow the same plan for dismissal, i.e. the buses and the parents will pick up the elementary and middle school students first at the main entrance, next they will pick up the high school students at the high school entrance, last they will pick up the ELC students at the ELC entrance.

### Water Bottles/ Prayer Mats/Lockers:

The water fountains will be shut down at the school; therefore, the students should bring their own water bottles.

The students (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) should bring their prayer mats.

The middle and high school lockers will be open for the students to use

### Uniform Dress Code:

Kg-8<sup>th</sup> grade students should wear their usual school uniform when they come to school.

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students should adhere to the Islamic school code.

I attached the school uniform policy.

### School Email:

It is very important for the parents to use Genesee Academy email. If any parents do not have a school email or have a school email but forgot their password, please make sure to contact the school office, and the school office will create you a school email and will reset your password. The school email will be used to access google classroom and attend any goggle meeting.

### No Parents In The Building:

Due to the safety of staff and students, no parents will be allowed into the school building unless it is for a very important matter, then the parents must go directly to the office. The parents cannot go to their child's classroom. Please, communicate with the school office and the staff through email.

Inshallah, with the school's guidance and the parents' and community's support, we will be able to provide our children the highest level of academics in a healthy and safe environment. Insha Allah, we will revisit the school plan on a regular basis to make any adjustment according to the CDC, Michigan Department of Health, and Genesee County Health department should they change any of their guidance.