

GHS A-Day/B-Day Information

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Purpose: *At the August 3, 2020 Board of Education meeting, the GHS Team was directed by the Board of Education to work on planning for an A-Day/B-Day scenario. Here are some details for a potential plan, spanning from September 1-November 4, which is the end of quarter 1, for grades 9-12. This was submitted prior to the August 10, 2020 Board of Education meeting. At the August 10, 2020 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved this plan.*

Overall Proposed Plan

- Keep the same school day schedule: 7:20-2:35, rotating in-person days between “A-Days” and “B-Days.” Students should only attend in-person on their A or B day, unless otherwise instructed to by their teacher(s).
- **A-Day: last names A-L.** In-person instruction and virtual option (see below).
 - 9/1, 9/3, 9/8, 9/10, 9/14, 9/16-catch-all, 9/17, 9/21, 9/23, 9/25, 9/29, 10/1-catch-all, 10/2, 10/6, 10/8, 10/12, 10/14, 10/16-catch-all, 10/19, 10/21, 10/22 and 10/23-off for teacher inservice, 10/27, 10/29, 11/2, 11/4-catch-all & end of quarter 1.
- **B-Day: last names M-Z.** In person instruction and virtual option (see below).
 - 9/2, 9/4, 9/9,9/11, 9/15, 9/16-catch-all, 9/18, 9/22, 9/24, 9/28, 9/30, 10/1-catch-all, 10/5, 10/7, 10/9, 10/13, 10/15, 10/16-catch-all, 10/20, 10/22 and 10/23-off for teacher inservice, 10/26, 10/28, 10/30, 11/3 11/4-catch-all & end of quarter 1.
- Attendance will be taken for those in attendance and those logging in virtually.
- Students who are not required to be in attendance, based on their day, may be required to log in and attend the class virtually. This will be at the teacher’s discretion. Example: On an A-Day, the B-Day students log in virtually and on a B day, the A day students log in virtually.
- Virtual option still available with a commitment deadline of August 17.

- Visual Example:

Date	Format	In Person Group	Virtual Log-in	Virtual Log-in
Tuesday, September 1	A-Day	A-L	M-Z	Students who opted for virtual only for Qu. 1
Wednesday, September 2	B-Day	M-Z	A-L	Students who opted for virtual only for Qu. 1

- After the A & B Day groups have each had 5 days of instruction, there will be a **“Catch all day,”** which is a staff only day, but could have some students attend on a case by case basis.
 - This will allow for: catch-up, parental/student communications, extra help, one on one, lab demonstrations, make up work, students’ virtual work, small groups, etc.
 - Teachers may schedule students virtually or in person, if appropriate and necessary on these days.
- Lunches will have a range of approximately 310-355 students and we will work on markings for distancing and alternative locations, if necessary.
 - We need to accommodate the 30 minute lunch for students and staff during this window as well.
- 1st or 7th period non-assigned study halls (9-12)-We will create a form for parents to sign and students can be excused from these study halls during the time-frame of this schedule. No requests to change student schedules will be accepted for the sole purpose of creating a study hall 1st or 7th period.
- Transportation from Riteway will remain the same as regular school days K-12, with the exception of the “Catch-All Days” (9/16, 10/1, 10/16, 11/4 and the two Inservice days on 10/22-10/23)

Rationale for the above

- This would account for approximately 680 students per day, versus about 1,360.
- The A-L and M-Z format would allow instruction to continue versus having seniors/juniors and sophomores/freshmen. Doing that is very likely to lead to some empty class periods, especially in electives.

- We can keep the typical schedule of 7 classes with a Resource Period, which we need in order to continue work on the State mandated ACP (Academic and Career Planning) work.
 - The Resource Period does flow into one of the lunch periods, so if we need extra time to accommodate lunches, we have that flexibility.
- The complexity of the master schedule takes many months to create. We are not able to accept changes to move to periods 1 or 7 for a study hall as the impact on classes, class size and teaching assignment (FTE) could be significant.
- We can most easily accommodate lunch periods with having less students in the building on a given day.
- If and/or when there is a positive case of COVID-19, tracing and addressing what will occur with that will be much easier to manage than if we have 1,350 students in attendance.
- During this format, GHS will waive the “no backpacks during the school day” rule, which will allow for less of a need for access to street lockers. This will be a non-precedent setting change, only done under the current circumstances and any changes will be articulated in advance of that change back to the stated policy on backpacks.
- Social distancing in the classroom is easier to obtain with half the students in the building, but understand that because we have half the alphabet in the building, does not necessarily mean a classroom will be half the size. The numbers will vary.

Staff Curricular Expectations

- Staff will be working in the physical building, with the same 7:10-2:45 time frame as what we began with in 2019-20.
- Staff will use Schoology and Google Meet.
- Staff will work with the students within the class and any that opt for the virtual option.
- Teachers of electives will have to brainstorm how classes will look with varying amounts of students.
- There will be no formal in person “Back to School” Night. In order to connect with parents and to fulfill the contractual responsibilities of parent-teacher contact time, teaching staff will record videos/presentations for each class they instruct to send out to families, no later than 5:00 PM on September 9, 2020, which was the original date of the Back to School Night.

Family/Student Curricular Expectations

- The virtual option is still available with a **commitment deadline of August 17th**. If a student begins “in-person” and then feels that it's not the right fit for them, they can opt to go to "virtual learning" at any time during Quarter 1. Once a student opts to go to “virtual learning,” they will remain a "virtual learner" for the balance of Quarter 1.
- Based on the complexity of scheduling and staffing, there will be no schedule changes unless they are drops of current class for a study hall.
- Respect staff work days (7:10-2:45) for in-person and/or virtual options regarding communications and expectations.
- If a student opts to be a "virtual learner," they will still be able to participate in activities/athletics unless the WIAA, state, and/or Health Department announces a change.

Additional Information and Resources

- [GHS A-DAY/B-DAY schedule-full](#)
- [GHS Daily Tone Schedule](#)
- [Schedule Change Request Response](#)