

# The Grande Innovation Academy

## Reopening and Mitigation Plan

Dear GIA families and friends,

We have been planning for a safe and productive re-opening. GIA's first priority is the safety and well-being of our scholars and staff, and we wanted to make you aware of some changes and policies we are implementing for school year 20-21.

***Based on your family's decision your scholar is on one of two tracks for SY 20-21:***

**Track # 1. On-campus:** Scholars choosing to be on-campus will have a modified start date August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Your child's teacher will contact you to set-up an individual in-person meeting during the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is where you will meet the teacher, drop off school supplies, learn about class procedures, and prepare for a successful year. Your teacher will also assign you work to be completed at home that will be due no later than August 17<sup>th</sup>. Your scholar is required by law to complete 300 minutes per day of instruction. Teachers will call or text you every day Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, M-Th to verify attendance for that day. Additionally, the Attendance Attestation form must be signed and dated for each day your child is completing work until they return to campus.

**Track #2. On-line:** Scholars that are online are working in Edgenuity, an online learning platform. The start date is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your child is required to log-in during the regular school day, M-Th 7:30-4:00. A laptop can be borrowed from GIA based on availability. Mrs. Ashlee Miller, GIA's Online Program Director, can be contacted by emailing:

[amiller@giaowlsmail.com](mailto:amiller@giaowlsmail.com)

All families choosing to go online will have an orientation the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Miller on campus or virtually. A parent and the scholar must attend together to complete the orientation training. Masks are required.

K-2 grade scholars:

Teacher: Ms. Regina Oaks, [roaks@giaowlsmail.com](mailto:roaks@giaowlsmail.com)

3-8 Grade scholars:

Teacher: assigned by Edgenuity

### **Sanitation of the Facilities:**

GIA is committed to continuing and providing comprehensive sanitation practices before, during, and after the school day. GIA's night cleaning staff includes five people who clean all classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, stairwells, drinking fountains, and offices while no other staff is present in the building(s). During the day, GIA's day cleaning staff includes four people who clean hallways, stairwells, and bathrooms on a rotating basis. GIA is providing a dedicated sanitizing/disinfecting crew. This crew will clean bathrooms *every hour* and continuously wipe down all contact areas: drinking fountains, door handles, and handrails. Additionally, GIA continues to be innovative as we will be installing SpectraClean™ Lighting in all bathrooms, cafeteria and entrances. SpectraClean™ luminaires leverage developments in the disciplines of lighting science and microbiology to combine white and narrowband 405 nanometer visible light. This innovation meets ambient and task lighting requirements while providing a continuous, unobtrusive disinfection option for commercial applications. The germicidal effects of narrowband visible light suppress a wide range of bacteria, molds, fungi and yeast. SpectraClean's antimicrobial light induces the production of damaging reactive oxygen species in harmful microorganisms to accelerate cell inactivation.

### **Scholar and Staff Screening:**

All scholars and staff will be required to sanitize upon entry to the school. An iPad with facial recognition and temperature check software will be located in the front office. All staff and scholars entering the building will present themselves in front of the device to be screened. Staff will be expected to take a sick day if they experience any illness symptoms. Located in the front lobby and back entry from Peaceful Playground will be free-standing contactless sanitation stations. Additional contactless stations will be located in high contact areas, such as the bottom and top of stairwells, the cafeteria and hallways. Teachers are fully equipped with sanitation methods in each of their classrooms. Scholars will disinfect as they enter and exit the classroom. In classrooms that see multiple classes of scholars the chairs and desks will be cleaned in between each class. Throughout the day teachers will have procedures as to when and how continuous disinfecting takes place within the classroom. In the event a scholar gets sick in the classroom and is sent to the nurse, a crew member of the sanitizing/disinfecting crew will come in to clean and disinfect the area.

### **Scholar Sick Policy:**

Any scholar who shows signs of illness or of being unwell while on campus will be given a mask, isolated from other scholars, and will need to be picked up within 30-minutes of school notification. If your scholar shows any signs of being unwell or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, **DO NOT BRING HIM/HER TO SCHOOL**. Scholars are required to be fever-free

without medication for 24-hours prior to returning to school. If your scholars have allergies and have a runny nose and cough you may be asked to get a doctor's note stating so.

### **School Supplies:**

Scholars will *not* be sharing school supplies. They will need to bring their own supplies that may include headphones for computer use, pencils, pens, notebooks, scissors, glue etc.

**K-3rd Grade:** Supplies will be placed in individual pencil cases provided by GIA. If purchasing on your own be sure to buy the exact items listed as they **MUST** fit in the pencil box.

**4th-8th Grade:** Supplies will travel with scholars to their classes.

**All Grades:** Scholars will be working on computers that are shared among the grade level. They will be sanitized after each use.

**Additionally, your child will need his/her own labeled water bottle every day.**

### **Visitor/Volunteer Screening:**

GIA has always welcomed volunteers to help in the classrooms and visitors to the lunchroom. Under the present circumstances we must institute new procedures.

#### **Phase: One:**

##### **August- October**

No volunteers allowed in the building.

From August 17<sup>th</sup>- August 27<sup>th</sup> One parent of a Kindergarten scholar will be allowed to enter the north doors with their scholar, disinfect and walk them to their classroom door. That parent must leave after saying good-bye to them at the classroom door. If you have other scholars in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade they must enter through the front door, disinfect and walk to class. Starting August 31<sup>st</sup>, you must drop off your kindergartener in the designated drop-off locations. There will be staff to help your child get to his/her classroom if needed.

#### **Phase Two:**

##### **November-May**

A maximum of 10 volunteers allowed to be in the building at one time and no more than one per classroom.

Volunteers must have completed the Owlunteer Workshop prior to this school year.

On-site screening in the front office includes a questionnaire and a temperature taken.

You must wear a mask while on campus.

A maximum of 90-minutes on campus will be allowed per person/per day.

#### **Ongoing:**

##### **August-May**

Parents aren't allowed to walk their child to the classroom in the morning.

\*\* (Exception is Kinder for the month of August. See note above)

Parents aren't allowed to eat in the lunchroom with their child.

Protected time still exists from 3:00-3:30 for kindergarten and 3:30-4:00 for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. If picking up your child early, enter the office, disinfect and practice social distancing of 6 feet from the parent in front of you while waiting for the office staff to assist you. If you are ill and need to pick-up your child, call the front office once you are in the parking lot. The office staff will locate your child, bring the sign-out book to you along with your child. Please be wearing a mask. This can take up to 15 minutes depending on time of day. No one is allowed to congregate in the office before or after school.

### **Free On-site Learning Opportunities: (In the event of state mandated school closure)**

All scholars of The Grande Innovation Academy, regardless of your on-campus or online learning choice, will be permitted to come onto campus to complete their work in the event the state mandates closure. This opportunity is to assist our families in meeting their needs for parents who are working or unable to help their scholar with the schoolwork. School hours are M-Th 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### **English Language Learners and Special Education Scholars:**

Scholars who are SPED or ELL will have their minutes provided by a certified SPED teacher or a teacher with his/her SEI endorsement. The minutes will be provided either in person wearing masks and practicing social distancing or through Google Meets.

### **Lunch Program:**

Free and reduced lunch participants regardless of online or on-campus learning will be provided their lunch each day that school is in session. It can be picked up at The Grande Innovation Academy campus or at Casa Grande Union High School campus.

### **Little Innovators Preschool:**

By law preschoolers have to be signed in and out each day by an adult. Therefore, preschool parents will continue to come into the front office to sign their child in and out each day. Wear a mask and practice social distancing from other parents that may be signing in and out as well. Then proceed to walk your preschooler to the classroom and leave without congregating in the classroom.

We appreciate all of the support and understanding. If you have questions or concerns please contact Patty Messer, [pmesser@giaowlsmail.com](mailto:pmesser@giaowlsmail.com)

Thank you!