



Greene County Tech School District
Investing in the Future... One Student at a Time.

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GCTSD COVID-19 Update, Friday July 23, 2021

The Greene County Tech School District is working to develop the Back to School-Ready to Learn Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The district will continue to follow the guidance as provided by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) in regards to social distancing and safety precautions when dealing with COVID-19. The Arkansas Legislature passed ACT 1002 stating a public entity cannot require the wearing of masks. While masks may not be required, we are strongly recommending any individual who is not vaccinated continue to wear masks while indoors.

The district does have a Virtual Option for students in grades 3-6 in a partnership with Edgenuity and 7-12 in a partnership with Virtual Arkansas. At this time, GCT teachers will not be providing virtual learning options for students. The deadline to enroll in the Virtual Option was extended from 6-30-2021 to 7-30-2021 and all paperwork is located on the district's web site under the tab GCT Virtual Learning 2021-2022. Please note that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a statement that "children and adolescents benefit from in-person learning and safely returning to in person learning in the fall of 2021 is a priority".

The district is diligently working to ensure safety procedures are in place when students return to campus on August 16, 2021 for the first day of school. The district is currently awaiting guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and will respond to any changes or requirements issued by DESE.

Please check the district's web page for updates as additional information will be provided as it becomes available on open houses, and etc. If you would like to participate in a survey for the district to determine how to utilize the American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER FUNDS) the survey tap is located on the district's web site, under the Tap, Ready for Learning 2021-2022. The GCTSD appreciates stakeholder and community support as we continue to navigate through uncharted events that are occurring.