



Griswold Public Schools

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Intention to Participate in Distance Learning

In the event that you choose to have your child(ren) temporarily participate in distance learning due to COVID-19, please fill out this form and return it to your child's school as soon as possible, preferably before August 20, 2020.

For clarification purposes, and to avoid confusion between "distance learning" and "homeschooling," we have provided a brief definition of each.

Distance Learning – In a temporary situation, students participate in their education remotely, and it is delivered by GPS certified teachers utilizing an established curriculum. Students are expected to attend remote classes daily and complete required work and assessments just as if they were attending in person. They will be graded and must participate in our full academic program. Students can return to the classroom upon communication with the school, but the student must return permanently. Students cannot distance learn some days and come to school in-person on other days. We strongly recommend that students who participate in optional distance learning do not participate in extra curricular activities so as to disrupt any established cohorts that are monitored for contact tracing.

Homeschooling –Homeschooling is a completely different option than GPS distance learning. Parents/Guardians accept full responsibility for the education of their children in accordance with the requirements of state law. Parents purchase or build the curriculum and serve as the teacher. Homeschool students are withdrawn from Griswold Public Schools. A Notice of Intent - Instruction of Student at Home is filled out and presented to GPS annually.

My student will temporarily participate in distance learning next year. I understand I need to communicate with the school to make arrangements for my child's re-entry into in-person learning prior to returning to school.

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____