



Groves Academy

2021 Summer Program Safety Plan

June 1, 2021

Our Guiding Principles

We intend to deliver a plan that strikes the balance between the health and safety of our students, faculty, and families with a robust and powerful educational opportunity.

- Protecting the health and safety of all students and Groves employees is our first priority.
- We will closely adhere to MN Dept of Health, MN Dept of Education, CDC, and State guidelines for Youth and Summer Programming.
- We are committed to providing an impactful learning experience for our students.
- **All components of this outlined plan are subject to change based on new information.**

Our Key Safety Expectations and Non-Negotiables

- Stay home when sick. Families will not bring their child to Groves if they are sick or showing any symptoms related to COVID-19.
- Masks are required to be worn by staff and faculty at all times unless they are working alone in an enclosed space.
- Students are required to wear masks indoors at all times.
- All families and students are expected to adhere to the details of this safety plan.
- Staff and students must maintain 6 feet distancing when possible.

Arrival & Dismissal

- Parents drop off/pick up their students outside of the building and may not accompany them inside - Drop off and pick up location and schedule will be to be communicated to you prior to the first day of programming.
- We ask that parents do not get out of their cars.
- When you arrive, please follow the map provided to you prior to program start date.
- Please follow the guidance of our staff directing traffic.
- Students must sanitize or immediately wash hands when entering the building.
- Students must adhere to the 6 feet distancing rule when entering and exiting the building with monitoring, assistance, and support from staff and marked walking lanes.
- Students should minimize items in their hands. Backpacks or one bag carrying all items preferred.
- Students who arrive late (at least 10 minutes after class start time) must enter using the MAIN ENTRANCE.

Screening and Protective Measures

- Parents/guardians of students are required to screen their student for COVID-19 symptoms prior to bringing their student to school each day.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 Include:
 - **More Common:** fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; new cough or a cough that gets worse; difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell;
 - **Less Common:** sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; chills; muscle pain; extreme fatigue/feeling very tired; new severe/very bad headache; new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose.
- Anyone with ONE “more common” symptom OR at least TWO “less common” symptoms should stay home.

Health and Safety Policies

Report all illnesses to the nurse:

- nurse@grovesacademy.org
- Nurse Kelly (952) 915-4264

The following is based on the current MN Dept of Health Guidelines.

- Staff and parents (on behalf of their student) should self-monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Groves will follow the guidance in the Minnesota Department of Health – Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>
- Staff or students who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should stay home. If they arrive at school they will be denied entrance and sent home. If symptoms develop while at school they will be immediately isolated and sent home. We ask that a parent or guardian is available to pick up your sick student as soon as possible after our Nurse calls.
- Because the Groves Summer Program is 10-20 days in length, this will result in removal from the program if a student is required to quarantine. See refund policy above.

Safety Protocols in the Building

- 2-8 Academic Program and EF/Writing Student groups will remain in the same classroom throughout their class sessions and teachers will rotate classrooms.
- High School students will be moving between classrooms depending on their schedule. Students will be required to wear masks and sanitize or wash their hands and sanitize personal desk areas before entering each classroom and before and after entering the lunchroom.

Exiting and Entering the Classroom

- Students will bring all their belongings with them to the classroom, including their coats and bags. No lockers will be used.
- Students must sanitize or wash their hands before entering the classroom.
- After using the restroom, students must wash their hands.
- Each student should be encouraged to bring travel-size, perfume-free hand sanitizer. There will also be sanitizer available throughout the building and in each classroom.
- Students will follow the identified one-way pathways throughout the building.

- Students will be seated at desks that are spaced apart in accordance with the State of MN recommended social distance guidelines.

Shared Materials Expectations

Classrooms and use of materials

- Teachers will maintain the sanitizing of the classroom and materials using provided spray bottles and wipes throughout the day and each class period depending on material use.
- All classroom supplies, materials and manipulatives must stay in that classroom.
- No sharing of supplies between classrooms.
- All school materials stay at school; no home materials are allowed to be brought to school.
- Soft toys and pillows/cushions/blankets will be removed.

iPads, laptops, and mice

- Devices must not be shared while using.
- Faculty will support students with wiping computers before and after use.
- Students must sanitize or wash hands before and after use.

Other materials

- Whiteboards and markers will be wiped down at the end of the day.
- Class pencils/pens will be wiped down at the end of the day.
- Scissors/glue sticks/rulers will be wiped down at the end of the day.
- No playdough/plasticine/clay is allowed.

Building Cleaning

- The building is thoroughly cleaned throughout the day and each evening with a specific focus on entrances, classrooms, common spaces,
- restrooms, doorknobs, and stairwell banisters.

Student Hydration

- Please send your student to campus with a labeled and full water bottle.
- Water fountains will not be used.

Student Snacks

- Groves does not provide snacks.
- If needed, students are required to bring their own snack from home
- Students are required to wash hands prior to snack, sanitize the desk area, and remain at their desks.
- Students may bring a healthy snack. Soda, candy, and peanuts are not permitted. Groves is a peanut-free zone. For the safety of all students, please ask your student(s) NOT to share snacks with others. We have many students with food allergies.

Food Service

We will not be providing food service at Groves.

High School Lunch Break - For students taking back-to-back 10:20 and 1:50 classes only

- Students will be supervised in the lunchroom and will be required to sit 6 feet apart.

- Students are required to bring their own lunch.
- The microwave in the lunchroom will be accessible

Refunds

- If a student is required to isolate or quarantine due to a positive COVID-19 test we will work with families to offer a prorated tuition reimbursement for missed days.
- If the program is canceled, all families will receive a full refund.
- There will be no refunds for non-COVID quarantine illnesses, absences, vacations, or closing due to weather.
- No refund will be given if a student is dismissed because of disciplinary action.