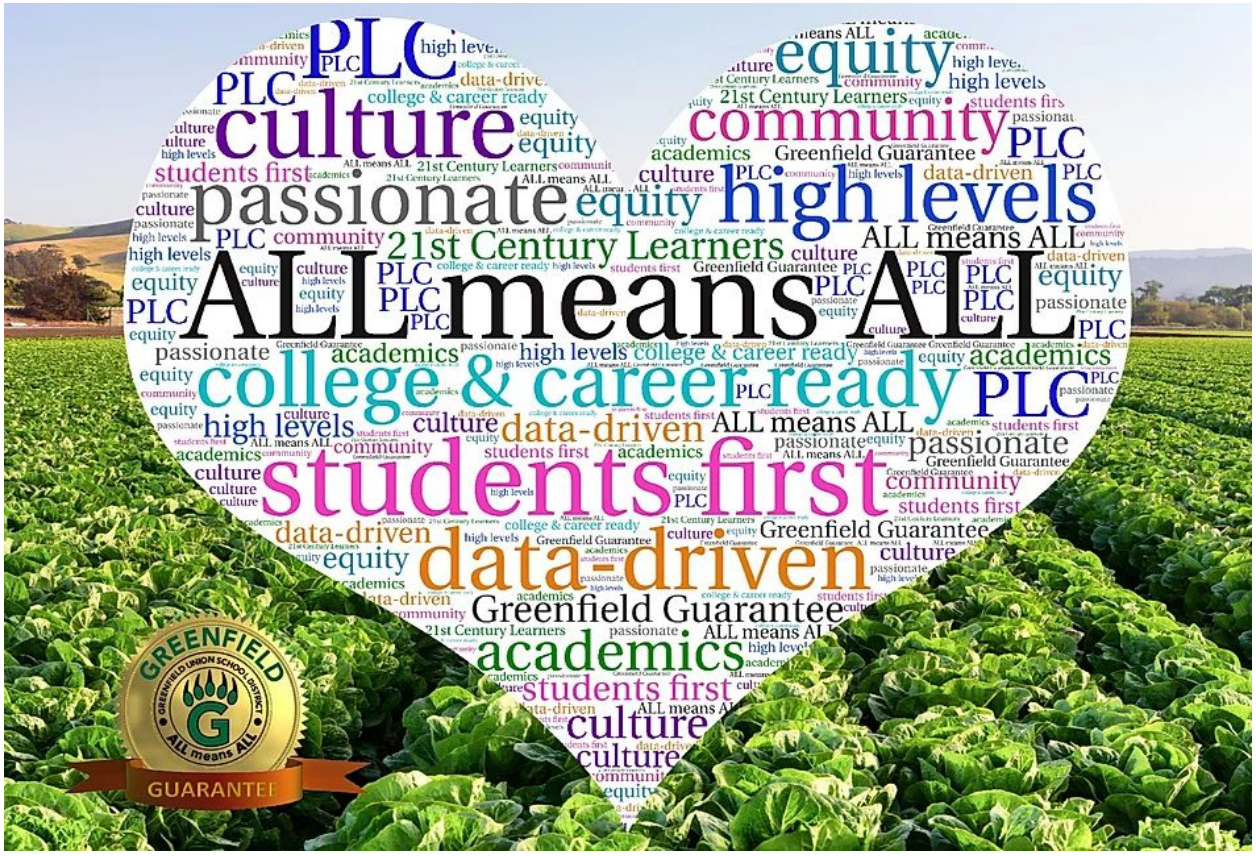
GREENFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Distance Learning Handbook



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A message from Superintendent Galván

Dear Greenfield Parents and Community Members,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all our GUSD staff family (teachers, counselors, office staff, instructional assistants, support staff, site and district administrators) we want to share how much we miss our students and all of you and have prepared this Distance Learning Handbook to be able to support our families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we would all much prefer to be in our schools supporting our children, we understand that we must adhere to the executive orders in place to ensure the safety of our children and each of you. As you all are fully aware of now, GUSD transformed how we deliver instruction and respond to our community needs. It is incredibly impressive to see the dedication, commitment, and flexibility demonstrated by all our staff and families to establish a solid Distance Learning Plan for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Our Distance Learning plan handbook includes detailed information on technology, internet providers, social-emotional support, nutrition services, registration, promotion, and other very important topics that you may be wondering about. Please know that our GUSD staff is here to support all our students and families during this unprecedented time and that we are stronger together! Communication from my office will continue through regular updates through our ParentSquare communications so that you continue to stay informed of the latest. If you need help setting up ParentSquare, please call your school or our district office and we will gladly support you. Please also visit our District's website and follow our Facebook and Twitter social media sites for the latest information. We thank you for trusting us with your child's education and for allowing us to support your family during this time. We wish you the very best and can't wait to see you again when we are safe to reopen our schools.

Sincerely,
Zandra Jo Galván
Superintendent

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DISTANCE LEARNING

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Greenfield Union School District is eager to provide the best distance learning experience for all of our students. Our distance learning curriculum consists of curriculum packets and online learning lessons. The first set of curriculum packets were mailed on March 24th and contained two weeks worth of work. Packets will continue to be mailed until the end of the year. Our school staff will continue to check with you and your child to ensure you have received the packets. To better understand the phases of our distance learning program, please refer to the graphic organizer.

Phases of Distance Learning	
Phase 1 March 16 - March 31	This phase involves teachers reaching out to students, to provide social emotional support, to continue building relationships. We will find out who has received their curriculum packets, make sure all families can communicate with Parent Square, see who has and who needs internet access, computers, etc.
Phase 2 April 1- April 9	In this phase, teachers and students are getting comfortable with online/distance learning by exploring online resources, tools, and possibilities. Teachers are determining which students need access to wifi. Teachers are beginning to implement policies and procedures for online instruction, to develop norms, expectations, protocols, rules for meetings, lessons, and sharing with colleagues and students. Teaching of new instructional content is not happening during this time. Students are receiving computers at this time.
Phase 3 April 20- until school resumes	In this phase, systems are in place to support distance learning. Teachers are engaging students with new content. Best practices of online and offline instruction are being shared around the district.
Phase 4 Ongoing	In Phase 4, evaluation of student work and grading practices will be developed. Grading practices will be in alignment with the California Department of Education.

Online Education

In addition, to curriculum packets, teachers are using Google classroom as the base for online learning. Teachers are also pushing out high impact assignments for students, not busy work. Teachers will engage students in new learning and live lessons through Zoom (secure meeting) or Google Hangouts. The main objective during this time is to continue the highest possible quality of teaching and learning! Students that do not have access to the internet will continue to learn via packets and phone calls home until the internet can be secured. Here is the link to our curriculum packets Curriculum Packets.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's school site for more information.

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Mary Chapa Academy (831) 674-5586
Oak Avenue School (831) 674-5916
Vista Verde Middle School (831) 674-1420

Educational Technology

We will concentrate on using the programs below and teachers will be adding additional programs and tech resources as needed to support your child's academic success. For a full list of programs please visit our website at https://www.greenfield.k12.ca.us/

- Google Classroom: Main method of communication to ensure uniformity across our district
- Google Voice: Use to create a number to communicate with students
- Screencastify / Screencast O'Matic: Programs you can use to record a lesson and slideshow so you can post for students to watch on their own time.
- Digital Citizenship: Lessons by grade level band to help teach digital citizenship
- Zoom: Video conferencing that does not require school gmail accounts and allows for hosting controls
- Google Meet: Video conferencing with school gmail accounts
- Classroom Management & Protocols For Online Learning: Tips for online teaching
- Illuminate: Website where students can take virtual assessments from their teachers either on their own time or live
- iready: Math and Reading lessons can be assigned to match assignments in packets in addition to the diagnostic lessons students are given

Internet Access

The District understands that internet access for some families may not be possible during this state wide closure. The District is making plans to provide some assistance to help with distant learning by providing WiFi access at District and City of Greenfield locations with detailed messages to share with families on those exact locations via our parent communication platforms. Please visit our district website for a map of locations available throughout the city. If you prefer your own access, families can enroll in no cost/low cost WiFi plans with your internet providers at any time. Please call your school office or our Family Resource Center (831) 674-2840 for support in setting up your home internet if you need help. Examples of Free and Discounted plans are provided.

PUBLIC WiFi ACCESS

Charter/Spectrum	https://www.spectrum.com/wifi-hotspots
Comcast/Xfinity	http://wifi.xfinity.com/
Cruzio	https://cruzio.com/wifi-hotspots/

Free or Discounted Internet Service for Your Home

Contact the provider for your area. Please be aware that customer service representatives may not yet know about all of these programs and/or might employ aggressive sales tactics to convince customers to subscribe to more expensive TV/Internet/phone packages instead. For an updated list of low cost plans nationwide, please visit the National Digital Inclusion Alliance website.

Provider	OFFER (may be eligible only for new customers with good credit)	Contact
AT&T	$10/month for qualifying low-income households. During the coronavirus emergency, the first 60 days are free.	855-220-5211 https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/index.html
Charter/ Spectrum	$17.99/month ($22.99 with WiFi capability) for qualifying low-income households. During the coronavirus emergency, the first 60 days are free.	844-579-3743 www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist
Comcast/ Xfinity	$9.95/month for qualifying low-income households. For people who subscribe by April 30, 2020 the first 60 days are free.	855-846-8376 https://apply.internetessentials.com/
Cruzio	$14.95/month for qualifying low-income households. During the Covid-19 emergency, the first 90 days are free.	800-303-3302 https://cruzio.com/contact/
Frontier	$19.99/month for qualifying low-income households.	877-578-8367 https://frontier.com/fundamental-internet/
Suddenlink	$14.95/month for qualifying low-income households. During the Covid-19 emergency, the first 60 days are free.	888-633-0030 https://www.alticeadvantageinternet.com/

"KEEP AMERICANS CONNECTED" PLEDGE Federal Communications Commission (FCC) States: "Given the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on American society, [Company Name] pledges for the next 60 days to: (1) not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic; (2) waive any late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic; and (3) open its Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them."	SIGNED BY: AT&T Charter Comcast Frontier Sprint Suddenlink T-Mobile Verizon	For the current list of companies who have signed the pledge, go to this FCC weblink: https://www.fcc.gov/keep-americans-connected
These companies have promised to open their WiFi hotspots to the public for free. They have also agreed to not disconnect customers who can't pay their bill during the coronavirus emergency and to waive late fees. Charter, Comcast, Sprint, and T-Mobile have either waived or raised data caps. AT&T has done the same for wireline customers but not cellular/mobile subscribers.		

LIFELINE PHONE SERVICE The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) manages a Lifeline program that offers qualifying households discounted or free telephone service from a variety of providers, including packages from some cellular/mobile companies that include Internet access. 1-866-272-0349 https://www.californialifeline.com/	TECH SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS & BUSINESSES Cruz One is a volunteer organization that provides technical support to our community during crises such as the Covid-19 or Coronavirus outbreak. Its first priority is to enable our educational system to provide remote based learning. This includes technology support for our K-12 schools and their teachers and students, such as enabling video-based training. Its second priority is to enable our community to work remotely. https://www.cruz.one/

Grading for Distance Learning

During this time of school closure, it is important that the learning continues and that students engage in distance learning. GUSD will take a "hold harmless" approach to grading by implementing a credit/no credit grading system for the 4th quarter. This is in accordance with the direction given by the California Department of Education. Please make sure that you support your child by giving them time to complete homework in a quiet space. Communicate with the teacher as needed or if you have questions or concerns about assignments. Make sure your child is attending their online class when scheduled. Please know that this is new to all of us and we are here to support. For more information on grading please visit the California Department of Education website. FAQ on Grading and Graduation Requirements. For more information please contact Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Laura Cortez at (831) 674-2840 Ext. 2092

Returning Packets

In this time of COVID-19 pandemic the safety of our community is our priority. For this reason, we will not ask you to return curriculum packets in the month of April. In the upcoming months of May and June, we will provide you with drop off dates for your child's packets. We will maintain social distancing during drop-off by having parents drop off packets into bins. It is important that you clearly write your child's name on each packet. If you have any questions on the completion of packets, please contact your child's teacher or call your school office as follows:

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Social Emotional Learning

During this time it is very important for students and families to know that we are here for them and that we are doing everything we can to continue their social-emotional support. Below is a website link that our amazing GUSD Counselors have created for students and parents which includes videos, resources, and contact information. You will also find information for the Monterey County Behavioral Health website [Behavioral Health].

Social-emotional Support

	GUSD School Counselor's Corner Website Link https://sites.google.com/greenfield.k12.ca.us/gusd-counselors/home?authuser=0
Resources Available	• On the home page, students and parents can click on their school logo to contact their Counselor. • Social-emotional lessons for grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. • Parent resources and videos • Staff resources and videos • "COVID-19 Video" for kids

GUSD Counselors' Contact Information

Arroyo Seco Academy

Stella Laurel
email: slaurel@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Google voice: (831) 856-3928 (call or text 8:30am- 4:30pm)

Cesar Chavez Elementary School

Esther Cruz
email: ecruz@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Google Voice: (831) 223-1020 (call or text from 8:30am-4:30pm)

Mary Chapa Academy

Juana Botello
email: jbotello@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Google Voice: (831) 613-1029 (call or text from 8:30 am-4:30 pm)
Instagram: @mca.counselors

Aracely Zavala
email: aracelyzavala@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Google Voice: (669) 232-3731 (call or text 8:30am-4:30pm)
instagram: @mca.counselors

Oak Avenue Elementary School

Alejandro Lopez
email: allopez@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Google Voice: (714) 367-6817 (call or text 8:30am-4:30pm)

Vista Verde Middle School

Dena Vang (8th grade Counselor)
email: dvang@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Google Voice: (831) 275-0373 (call or text 8:30am-4:30pm)
Instagram: @vvms_schoolcounselors

Avilene Tiscareno (7th grade Counselor)
email: etiscareno@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Google Voice: (831) 613-1699 (call or text 8:30am-4:30pm)
Instagram: @vvms_schoolcounselors

Access to Technology

In order to engage students with distance learning, GUSD has developed a take your chromebook home program for students. This will allow your child to complete assignments and meet with his/her teacher. Grades 1st through 8th grade picked up their chromebooks between April 1st and April 9th. Families of kindergarten students will be able to pick up a device on April 30, 2020. Families of Preschool and Transitional Kinder students, we anticipate deploying devices at the end of April and early May. In order to pick up a device, parents or guardians must fill out this user agreement form GUSD Acceptable Use Agreement. We will be collecting Chromebooks in the first week of June so that we might update them during the summer months in preparation for the reopening of our schools. If you have any questions please contact your child's school.

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Technology Use and Devices

We hope you have found your child's Chromebook useful for the purpose of distance learning. Each child will be loaned a device during this time of school closure. At the end of May, we will provide a schedule for you to safely return your child's device. We understand that you or your child might need support with your device. Your school site technicians are ready to support any technology need you may have. You may communicate any tech concerns with your child's teacher as they are working closely with site technicians to resolve tech issues. You may also contact your school site technician directly and they will call you to set up an appointment as follows:

Arroyo Seco Academy: Humberto Plaza
(831) 674-6080 or hplaza@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Cesar Chavez Elementary: Michael Silva
(831) 674- 2412 or michaelsilva@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Mary Chapa Academy: Frank Valencia
(831) 674- 5586 or fvalencia@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Oak Avenue School: Juan Jose Sanchez
(831) 674-5916 or jjsanchez@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Vista Verde Middle School: Richard Sanchez
(831) 674- 1420 or rsanchez@greenfield.k12.ca.us

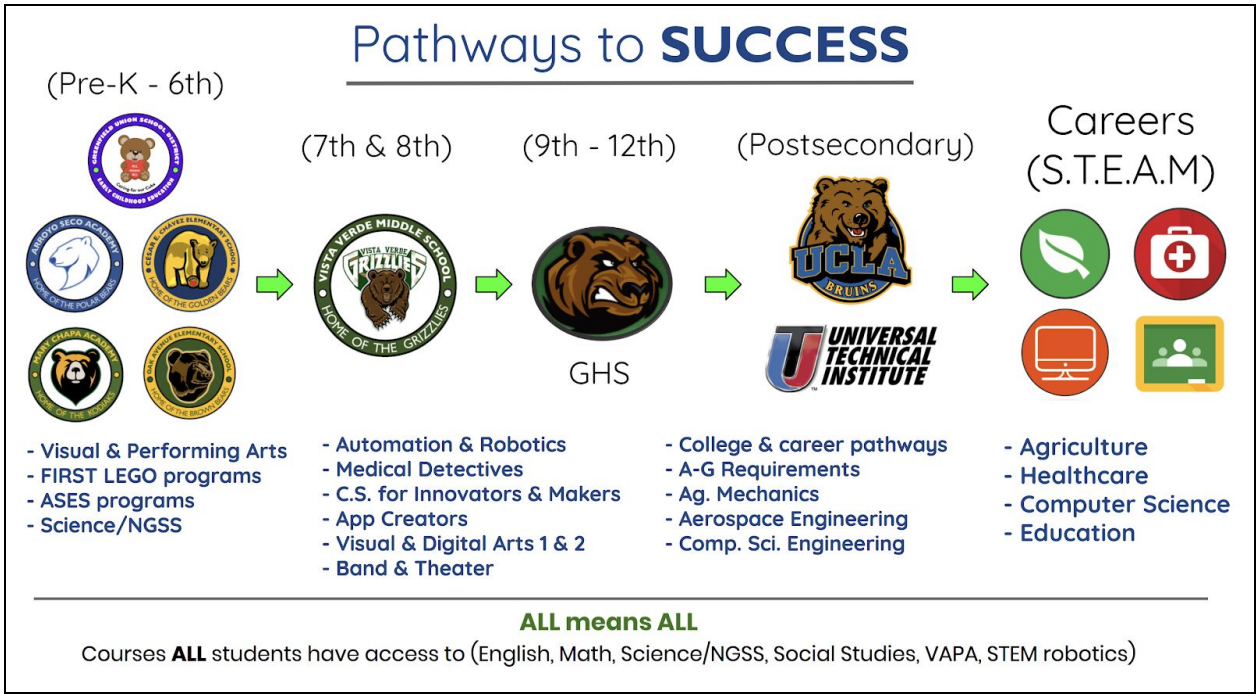
Retrieval of Student Classroom Belongings

In order to abide by our shelter-in-place regulations, below is the week in which students will be allowed to retrieve their personal belongings. We are absolutely sure that this schedule will allow your child to gather their materials in a safe manner.

Grade Level	Date
Preschool	May 1
TK	May 1 (MCA)
Kinder	April 30 (OAES)
1st	Wednesday, May 6 (ASA, CCES, MCA, OAES)
2nd	Tuesday, May 5 (ASA, CCES, MCA, OAES)
3rd	Monday, May 4 (ASA, CCES, MCA, OAES)
4th	Wednesday, May 6 (ASA, CCES, MCA, OAES)
5th	Tuesday, May 5 (ASA, CCES, MCA, OAES)
6th	Monday, May 4 (ASA, CCES, MCA)
7th	Monday, May 11 (VVMS) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Last Name A - F 12:30 am - 4:30 pm Last Name G - L
	Tuesday, May 12 (VVMS) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Last Name M - R 12:30 am - 4:30 pm Last Name S - Z
8th	Wednesday, May 13 (VVMS) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Last Name A - F 12:30 am - 4:30 pm Last Name G - L
	Thursday, May 14 (VVMS) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Last Name M - R 12:30 am - 4:30 pm Last Name S - Z
7th and 8th Make-up Day	Friday, May 15 (VVMS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

A Broad Course of Study

In this time of school closure, we are engaging your child in a broad course of study. Your child will engage in all core subject areas such as math, english language arts, science, history social science, PE, visual and performing arts and all other subjects as they would during the regular school year with instruction delivered via their teacher. If you have any questions as to the content they are receiving each week, please contact your child's teacher and/or the school principal.



Promotion and Graduation Ceremonies

As much as we always want to celebrate our students and their families, we have to keep the health and safety of everyone as our first priority. We understand that promoting from 8th grade is a special milestone for students. We are working closely with the Vista Verde Middle School leadership team, site, and district administration to explore ways to honor our students. We will keep you informed of the plan to celebrate our promoting 8th graders.

Vista Verde Middle School Contact Information:
Main Office
Maria Pulido
(831) 674-1420 ext. 3567
mpulido@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Our Food Service Department serves nutritious meals using California Department of Education school nutrition guidelines to our children ages 1-18 on Mondays and Wednesdays. The meal distribution times at all of our sites is from 8:30-10:30 a.m., or until the sites have depleted all of the meals. Food is distributed in a drive-thru manner to observe social-distancing guidelines. Walk-up community members are welcomed at all sites and will be asked to line up and observe social distance guidelines. All personnel will be wearing protective equipment to protect our community, students, and each other and we ask that you do the same. Questions may be directed to the Chief Business Officer at (831) 674-2840 ext. 2017 or at amooneyham@greenfield.k12.ca.us.

As of April 30, we have been informed that the Monterey County Food Bank has depleted their supply of food and will not be providing to GUSD families until further notice. We have **suspended** our Food Bank schedule and will reopen when we are notified that the food supply has been replenished.

Upon reopening, we will follow this schedule again. Our staff retrieves non-perishable food items on Mondays to be distributed from Arroyo Seco Academy, Cesar Chavez Elementary School, and Oak Avenue Elementary School

from 9:00-10:30 a.m., or until all packages of food have been disbursed. On Wednesdays, non-perishable food items are disbursed to our community members from Mary Chapa Academy and Vista Verde Middle School from 9:00-10:30 a.m., or until all food items have been disbursed.

Food is distributed in a drive-thru fashion to observe social-distancing guidelines. Questions may be directed to our Chief Business Official at (831) 674-2840 ext. 2017 and amooneyham@greenfield.k12.ca.us or contact our Family and Community Engagement Coordinator at (831) 674-2840 ext. 2089 or tamezcua@greenfield.k12.ca.us.

Preschool, TK and Kinder Registration

Registration for Transitional Kinder and Kindergarten will take place the week of May 4 through May 8 from 8:30am to 10:30am Monday through Friday. Parents and guardians are encouraged to pick up a packet during this time frame at your designated school site. The packet has been designed to gather the most essential information to make it easy for our families to complete in the comfort of their own home. Secretaries and other designated personnel will be available to answer any questions that you may have pertaining to the packet and appointments will be made in case you still have questions and/or need support in filling out the requested information.

Once the packet is completely filled out, please drop off at your school site on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 - 10:30 am.

Outside of the May registration window, you can still register your child by calling any of our school offices or by calling the GUSD Student Services Department. You may reach Yolanda Garcia - Student Services Secretary
ygarcia@greenfield.k12.ca.us phone number: (831) 674-2840 ext. 2088

Fall Registration 2020-2021

All new registrations for grades 1 - 8th may pick up the registration forms from your School Site Registrar or visit HOME | GUSD DO and click on Educational Services and then the Student Services tab and click on FORMS to access the online, writable forms. You may also call any school office for a printed copy to complete as follows:

School Registrars phone numbers:

Arroyo Seco Academy
Elizabeth Natera
(831) 674-6080 ext. 5005
enatera@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Oak Avenue Elementary
Ana Leos
(831) 674-5916 ext. 4080
aleos@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Cesar Chavez Elementary
Maribel Pantoja
(831) 674-2412 ext. 2510
mpantoja@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Mary Chapa Academy
Maria Vazquez
(831) 674-5586 ext. 2612
mvazquez@greenfield.12.ca.us

Vista Verde Middle School
Maria Pulido
(831) 674-1420 ext. 3567
mpulido@greenfield.k12.ca.us

For any information regarding Student Registration please contact:

Yolanda Garcia - Student Services Secretary
(831) 674-2840 ext. 2088
ygarcia@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Family Resource Center (FRC) Including Homeless and Foster Youth and Migrant

The Family Resource Center will be open and available to our Greenfield community on Mondays from 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM. During this time staff will be able to assist with filling out forms, registration packets, and questions that parents might have. From 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM, we will have our Family Resource Center Closet open to support our families with school supplies, clothing, food, and hygiene kits. Please visit us or call/email to make an appointment with:

Tony Amezcua - Family And Community Engagement Coordinator
tamezcua@greefield.k12.ca.us phone number: (831) 674-2840 ext. 2089

Rosie Calderon- Migrant Services
rcalderon@greenfield.k12.ca.us phone number (831) 674-6070

Yolanda Garcia- Student Services Secretary
ygarcia@greenfield.k12.ca.us Phone number (831) 674-2840 ext. 2088

The Following will be available during COVID- 19 closures:	
Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital	Hosting virtual (ZOOM) and phone call appointments on Mondays from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Parents are asked to call their school sites to make an appointment in advance. ***School sites phone numbers:*** ***Arroyo Seco Academy-(831) 674-6080*** Araceli Contreras (Community Liaison)-acontreras@greenfield.k12.ca.us ***Mary Chapa Academy- (831) 674-5586*** Lupita Garica (Community Liaison)-lupitagarcia@greenfield.k12.ca.us Sergio Siguenza (Community Liaison)-ssiguenza@greenfield.k12.ca.us

	Cesar Chavez Elementary-(831) 674-2412 Filadelfo Silva (Community Liaison)- fsilva@greenfield.k12.ca.us ***Oak Avenue Elementary-(831) 674-5916*** Veronica Tamayo (Community Liaison)- vtamayo@greenfield.k12.ca.us ***Vista Verde Middle School-(831) 674-1420*** Maria Natal (Community Liaison)- Mnatal@greenfield.k12.ca.us
Harmony at Home	Is providing over the phone counseling for families that are going through divorce. If you are interested in making an appointment please call **(408) 766-4426**
The YWCA	Will be working with the FRC to bring counseling and workshops for those that are experiencing domestic violence and also having support for teen dating during this COVID-19 era. https://www.ywca.org/
Parenting Connection of Monterey County ***Pregnancy and Postpartum Support Group***	Will be meeting twice a month in English and Spanish via Zoom. The Zoom Links and dates for May 2020 are below. Here is the number for the Pregnancy and Postpartum Support Warmline **(831)783-5933** ***Spanish Class-*** Topic: Grupo de Embarazo y Posparto Time: May 1, 2020 and May 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82627004654?pwd=RGUxRlc2dzB2SlN4cEYrcWpqZWtvZz09 Meeting ID: 826 2700 4654 Password: 398200 ***English Class-***Topic: Pregnancy and Postpartum Support Group Time: May 4, 2020 and May 20, 2020 at 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting

	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87572740001?pwd=am9ieHB0bHMraFNVNWhCcnVEbGduUT09 Meeting ID: 875 7274 0001 Password: 068009
Helpful Resources	
California Legal Rural Assistance	https://www.crla.org/
Census 2020	https://2020census.gov/
ParentSquare	https://parentsquare.zendesk.com/hc/en-us
California Labor and Workforce Development Agency	
Information on foreclosures and evictions	
Notice of Coronavirus-Related Inability to Pay Rent	
Mixteco Coronavirus Public Service Announcement	
United Way by dialing "2-1-1" or visiting their comprehensive 211 webpage at https://www.unitedwaymcca.org/211.	
Natividad Hospital COVID- 19 Hotline (831)-772-7365 Spanish and English https://www.natividad.com/covid-19/	
https://www.greenfield.k12.ca.us/health-safety-updates	

Special Education Services

If your child has an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP), please consult with your child's case manager if you have any questions or concerns.

Below are additional resources and services for Special Education:

- Home | SARC
- List of Programs
- Special Education
- SELPA

For more information regarding Special Education please contact:
Maria Arroyo - Special Education Secretary
marroyo@greenfield.k12.ca.us
phone number: (831) 674-2840 ext. 2014

Migrant Education

Migrant Education Services

Our district's Migrant team is diligently reaching out to all of our migrant families via phone and providing additional support to our Migrant students on their online learning. If you would like to communicate with one of our migrant aides who work with your students, their contact information is below:

- Dalissa Salinas (831) 613-1005
- Martiza Solis (831) 290-0770
- Rosa Trujillo (831) 290-0616

If you believe you qualify for migrant services, please contact Rosalba Calderon at (831) 674-6070.

For programmatic questions, contact Dr. Limary Trujillo Gutierrez at (831) 674-2840.

Click here if you are interested in additional migrant regional resources.

Early Childhood Education Services

Below are some early childhood resources that will continue to enhance your child's learning during our COVID-19 closures:

- Find child care near you
- First 5 resources for at-home learning and speaking to our youngest learners First 5, Monterey resources for our youngest learners about COVID-19

English Learner Programs

English language development continues to be a strong foundation in the work conducted by our instructional staff. Teachers scaffold their instruction during phone calls, virtual meetings, and distance learning packets in order to support language comprehension and production. Teachers provide models and visuals for comprehension of language and sentence frames and graphic organizers for language production. Designated ELD support focus on expanding English vocabulary and syntax. Distance learning packets have an emphasis on content and academic vocabulary as well as grammar. Online platforms to support designated ELD include Zoom for live meetings and FlipGrid or SeeSaw for student recordings. For additional English learner supports, please visit:

- Colorin Colorado
- Links, Resources, and Tools
- Language Lessons

More specifically, our students new to the country are receiving additional language development support twice a week that includes speaking and comprehension activities as well as building understanding of foundational reading skills. Teachers throughout our district have created videos that demonstrate appropriate speaking intonations and visual representations of essential English language. For questions regarding newcomer services for your child, please see the contact information below:

Newcomer support at Arroyo Seco Academy:
Emma Richter erichter@greenfield.k12..ca.us

Newcomer support at Cesar Chavez Elementary:
Debbie Cole: dcole@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Newcomer support at Mary Chapa Academy:
Martha Andrade: mandrade@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Newcomer support at Oak Avenue Elementary:
Viviana Argueta: vargueta@greenfield.k12.ca.us

Newcomer support at Vista Verde Middle School:
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Community Health Needs & Employee Safety

As a reminder, the Covid-19 situation is evolving and we are responding by implementing all recommendations set forth by the State of California, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Monterey County office of Education. Our goal is to implement all community containment measures that reduce disease transmission in our school district and community.

In addition to practicing social distancing and the cleansing of our hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer, all employees are required to wear a protective face mask, or scarf, when entering any of our schools or district locations.

If the State of California, the CDC or our local health department indicate an increased level of severity in COVID 19 cases, GUSD in collaboration with MCOE will implement all recommended additional safety practices. If you have any questions regarding staff safety, please contact Tina Martinez in our Human Resources Department by calling (831) 674-2840 extension 2011. For up to date information on COVID-19, you may visit any of the following links: Health & Safety Updates | GUSD DO or https://www.covid19.ca.gov/

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