



GCCC students, parents and guardians:

Below are frequently asked questions regarding the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year. We hope this is helpful as we approach the end of first semester.

## **FAQs**

### **1. Are we required to wear our uniforms on non-lab days?**

Uniforms are to be worn every day all day. Students are to arrive dressed in their uniform and remain in uniform for the entire school day.

### **2. How will we reduce the risk of COVID-19 with more contact in the halls, when changing classrooms?**

Hall changes are being reduced through extended class periods and all-day lab. This is a change from a typical school year.

### **3. What are we going to do about community service?**

Community service is still a requirement in order to receive a Certificate of Completion. Many organizations are in need of extra hands, including food banks and animal shelters. If COVID-19 is a concern, some creativity will be required. Suggestions include shoveling snow for senior citizens (or some other outdoor activity), writing letters to those serving in the military overseas, or making cards for residents of a nursing home.

### **4. What does the block schedule look like for academics?**

Each class period is approximately 40 minutes. Students will take their academics two periods in a row. For example, a student might have Math periods one and two. Then they might have English third period and fourth period, followed by Science in fifth and sixth periods. They might finish up the day in Government during seventh and eighth periods.

### **5. Will my teachers be the same?**

Every effort is being made to keep students with their first semester teachers. There will be situations where this is not possible.

### **6. Are teachers conducting live sessions for students that remain on the remote learning model?**

Students choosing to remain on the remote learning model will be assigned to an online class through Edmentum. This is an online software that GCCC is using to replace A+ Learning which is being phased out by the company. An academic teacher from the department will be assigned to the Edmentum class to monitor student progress and to grade student work. Lessons on Edmentum are previously recorded. A pacing guide will be provided and students will be expected to remain on pace to complete assignments within the assigned quarter.

There may be situations where a class is taught simultaneously by the teacher to both in-person and remote learners. This applies to CCP and AP classes in particular.

**7. If I have increased anxiety due to a potential increase in COVID-19 cases, may I switch back to on-line learning?**

No. Students will remain on the in-person model through the rest of the school year.

**8. Will homework still be given to students even though classes are extended to two periods?**

Yes, homework may still be assigned.

**9. Will teachers be available to students doing remote learning?**

Yes, each Edmentum course will have a GCCC teacher assigned to monitor student progress. That teacher will be available to provide support to the remote learning student.

**10. How will students receive assignments if required to be on COVID-19 quarantine?**

This will be treated like any sick leave. Students will be able to find assignments on Schoology. In some cases, these may be alternative assignments. Students will follow the language in the Student Handbook regarding turning in late work.

**11. How will students receive information regarding scholarships and post-secondary options?**

Student Services posts this information on the GCCC website under Academic Services button. Students may also meet with Student Services personnel nor a school counselor.

**12. How will safety and social distancing be monitored?**

Staff and students will be required to wear masks at all times. Every effort will be made to prevent students in one class from being exposed to students in another class. Students will sit with the other students in their class at lunch to ensure easier contact tracing.