

WELCOME BACK!



Aptitud Academy @ Goss

August 5, 2021

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! My name is Rebecca Jensen, I am ecstatic to be kicking off my 2nd year as Aptitud Principal! We are looking forward to welcoming all students, grades TK-8th back in person, beginning on **Tuesday, August 17th**. Please see the attachments for our current bell schedule. Class assignments and schedules will be available on Monday, August 16th.

The district will be offering an independent study program. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

We are still enrolling, so please tell your families, neighbors and friends to come join the Gator community!

As a school community we want to send well wishes to our Assistant Principal, Mr Manluco and our School Counselor, Mr Lamas. Both are continuing their careers at neighboring Alum Rock Schools. Stay tuned to welcome our newest staff members.

Here is some information to prepare for the coming school year:

School Supplies: Students will be supplied with basic school supplies. We will have limited backpacks available on August 18th.

Uniforms: All Aptitud Gators are expected to wear uniforms daily. The uniform expectations are khaki or black bottoms and white or forest green collared shirts. Please contact the office if you need support with uniforms.

Breakfast and Lunch: Breakfast will be available for students starting at 7:50am each morning. There will be a second chance serving during the first 15 minutes of recess. Lunch will also be served to all students. All school meals are of no cost to Aptitud students.

Parent Square: We will continue to use Parent Square for school and district communications. If you need help setting up your account please contact the front office.

After School Care: We are happy to be partnering with YMCA and City Year again this year, and after school care will be provided for all students, grades TK-8. If you are interested in signing up for this service please call the office or come on by.

Please read below for frequently asked questions regarding Health and Safety:

Will parents be allowed on campus? To ensure the health and safety of our students and staff, parents will not be allowed on campus. Students will be dropped off on the Cinderella side of campus and enter through the black gate.

Are masks required?: Masks will be required indoors and outdoors for staff and students regardless of vaccination status. Masks should be close fitting, covering the entire nose, mouth and chin. Loose-fitting bandanas, gaiters, and other single-ply fabrics are not acceptable.

What health and safety measures will be implemented?

Hand sanitizer, disinfecting spray, and/or cleaning sprays are available in every room and common areas. Clear barriers are installed on every student desk, in the front office and high traffic areas. In addition we will have daily cleaning and sanitizing of bathrooms and increased signage regarding hand washing and mask wearing. Replacement masks are available for students and staff, as needed.

What ventilation protocols will be in place?

Air filter systems have been upgraded to the highest grade the system will allow at each site. Air filtration system will circulate fresh air into the building and will run during school hours. Windows and doors will be opened when possible for increased ventilation.

If a child comes to school with a potential COVID-19 symptom other than fever, will they be sent home?

Staff and students with symptoms will be asked to go home and remain home until at least 24 hours have passed without the symptom (if fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication), and/or a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis (ie., allergies), a chronic underlying condition, or a negative COVID-19 test. Our school has an identified isolation area where students may wait for pick-up.

Will there be a daily “health check” at school?

Parents, students, and staff will self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if they are sick. Please help us all stay safe and stay home if ill. Absences need to be called into the office at **408-928-7650**

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting school year ahead! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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