

# The Fine Arts Center

Greenville County Schools  
102 Pine Knoll Drive  
Greenville, SC 29609



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Good morning, FAC Parents:

I hope your week is off to a great start. Per the voice blast I sent on Friday, this email contains a very important document that is to be read by you and your child. The tasks below are required to be completed prior to the start of the school year.

## Directions:

1. Please click on the following link: [2020 FAC Student/Parent Handbook](#).
2. Once you have read the document, please click on the following link to complete and submit the form: [Handbook Acknowledgement Form](#).
  - Please call our office if you are having technical difficulties. We can provide you with a hard copy to sign and submit, if necessary.

## Important reminders for the school year:

1. The School start date is August 24 for all students.
2. We are starting the school year in Attendance Plan 1.
3. Every student should know his/her color group and the days of in-person attendance for Attendance Plan 1.
  - Color groups were assigned based on the first letter of students' last name (hyphenated last names were alphabetized by the first of the hyphenated names: ex. Jones-Smith would be alphabetized under J)
4. Under Attendance Plan 1, students are in-person one day per week on their assigned day and are attending school virtually the other four days. Students will be expected to sign in and complete assignments on eLearning days. Otherwise, they will be counted absent.
5. Students need to pick up their Chromebooks at their home-base high school before August 24 if at all possible.
  - We are waiting on information from GCS about the possibility of providing Chromebooks to our Out-of-District students. Please keep in mind that Google Classroom can be accessed on any computer, not just a Chromebook.
6. All students are expected to wear a mask to school. Anyone with a valid doctor's note will be exempted, but they must have documentation. Note that some of the FAC programs involve a higher level of aerosol transmission, and therefore a mask may be required for the duration of the class period. The Studio Instructor will provide this information to you, and we anticipate cooperation from all of our students.

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7. Parents of out-of-district students (private, charter, home school) who are new to the FAC should sign up for Backpack using a valid email address they check regularly. Please click on the following link to create an account - <https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=backpack>
  - If you already have GCS Backpack account, you do not have to create a new one.
  - If you are a parent of an out-of-district student and you previously created a Backpack account (i.e. an OOD student returning to the FAC), you do not need to create a new account.
8. Important - Parents need to screen their students every day for symptoms and keep them home if they are unwell (not give them fever-reducer and send them anyway). Additionally, students who have been directed to quarantine for any reason – including international travel – should not attend school until the quarantine is complete.
  - Please understand that the process of isolating a student who is symptomatic at school and engaging in the resulting contact tracing is extremely detailed. Therefore, if there is any doubt that your child is exhibiting a symptom of COVID-19, it is better for all students and FAC employees that your child stay home.

## Coming Soon...

- Communication from your child's Instructor regarding the coming school year - what instruction will look like, required supplies, and more.
- Video links for the FAC Orientation, as well as links from Instructors for their studio orientations.
- Details about supply pick-up for next week.
  - We are in the process of ordering supplies for students to use at home, as applicable. As these supplies may not arrive until next week, it is likely that we will distribute them during the first week of in-person instruction.

As always, please reach out to us with any questions.

Very truly yours,  
Mr. Popat