

KISER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK 2021 - 2022



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SCHOOL HOURS

Arrival Time 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. Dismissal 3:20 p.m.

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CONTACTING KISER STAFF

- ➤ If for any reason you need to conference with or speak to your child's teacher or any other staff member, please call the school at 336-370-8240.
- > Your child's teachers should provide you with the best method to contact them.
- > If a teacher is unavailable, you should leave a voicemail message or send an e-mail.
- > E-mail addresses for all staff can be found on the Kiser website.
- > Every effort will be made to contact you within 24 hours.

WEBSITE ADDRESS https://www.gcsnc.com/kiser_middle

The Middle School Day

The middle school day includes core courses (language arts, social studies, science, mathematics, and health and physical education) and elective courses (arts education, career and technical education (CTE), and global languages). In addition, each student is assigned to an advisor/advisee (AA) group. Middle school students register for core courses and elective classes.

My Students Schedule for 2021 - 2022

AA:	Teacher
1 st Core:	Teacher
2 nd Core:	Teacher
3 rd Core:	Teacher
4 th Core	Teacher
1 st A Encore:	Teacher
2 nd A Encore:	Teacher
1 st B Encore:	Teacher
2 nd B Encore:	Teacher

KISER PARENT HANDBOOK

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All procedures and policies at Kiser Middle School are based on State law, Guilford County School Board Policy and our commitment to maintaining a pleasant, safe, and orderly educational environment for all students. *All regulations of the Guilford County Board of Education Student Code of Conduct will be enforced.*

A copy of this handbook will be given to all parents. It is intended for parent use and details the policies and procedures found in the student planner. This handbook is an important resource and should be kept handy for information throughout the school year. A copy can also be found online at https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/56547

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are encouraged to review the information contained in this document with students. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to know and understand the policies and procedures of Kiser Middle School and Guilford County Schools. Any questions should be taken up with the student's grade level administrator.

Please be advised that due to ongoing changes within the Guilford County Schools System, policies and procedures listed can change at any time during the school year. An attempt will be made to give parents ample notification of any changes that occur.

KISER MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Kiser Middle School will provide a cohesive learning community in which all decisions are made in the best interest of its stakeholders. During their middle school years, students will demonstrate maximum academic, social and emotional growth in order to be 21st century leaders.

SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

Practice Responsibility
Aim for Excellence
Work with Integrity
Show Respect for Self and Others

The procedures for these expectations will be taught to <u>all students</u> and practiced the first few days of school. They will then be enforced daily and consistently by all staff and personnel. These procedures will include: how to move through the hallway, the use of lockers, cafeteria expectations, going to the media center, dismissal, cell phone use, and conduct in the classroom for maximum instructional gain.

Your child is expected to follow the directives of all staff members even if they are not their teacher(s).

SCHOOL SAFETY

Kiser Middle School and Guilford County Schools is committed to the safety and security of our students, staff and visitors. To support this commitment, the Emergency Management Department provides direct support to school and district administrators and maintains strategic partnerships with emergency response agencies throughout Guilford County.

Kiser Middle School is committed to insure that our students, staff and visitors follow safety and security practices as set forth by Guilford County Schools and other governing bodies.

To support this commitment please review and follow these practices:

- Parents and visitors should enter the building only from the Kiser Office at all times.
- Ring the bell at the left of the front door. State your name and why you are on campus.
- Get a visitors badge by using the computer check in program and display the badge while in the building.
- A Driver's License or a picture ID is required for check in.
- Speak with someone in the office to assist you.
- Limit visits to only those that are **absolutely necessary**.
- Schedule conferences and meetings with teachers and staff. Classroom observations should be scheduled in advance.
- Be familiar with safety measures that are in place in the event of an emergency:
 - Remain calm and monitor reliable news sources and verified GCS social media feeds for information; do not rely on information not relayed by GCS or first responders.

 Information and instructions will be relayed via Connect Ed messages.
 - Do not call or go to the school unless instructed to do so. In some cases, the school may be in "lockdown" and you will not be able to access the school. In other cases, evacuation from the school campus may be required and everyone will have to vacate the building.
 - If the school is evacuated, you will be notified of the evacuation site and given instructions for reuniting with your child. Evacuation site locations are not given in advance, as they may change depending on the nature of the emergency.

Emergency Drills

Various drills (i.e. fire drills, tornado drills, and lockdown drills) are required by law and are an important part of our efforts to maintain a safe environment. Teachers will instruct your child before any drills as to the procedures they must follow. Please encourage your child to follow these guidelines as it could save their lives or someone else's. Please make our staff aware of any anxiety issues your child may experience so that accommodations may be made.

Emergency Preparedness

Guilford County Schools Emergency Management Department works closely with public safety agencies at the local, county, state, and federal levels to develop and refine plans for handling emergencies. School emergency operations plans are site specific and based on size, infrastructure, available resources, geographic location and community needs. GCS develops its emergency response procedures based on best practices and doctrine provided by the <u>Federal Emergency Management Agency</u> and utilizes the Incident Command System.

Emergency Preparation tips:

- Prepare your child at home by teaching them to remain calm and follow the directions of their teacher or other adult in charge while at school.
- Ensure your child's emergency contact information is up to date.
- Talk to your child about emergencies and how to respond to them, both at school and at home.
- Review resources provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In the event of an emergency:

- Remain calm and monitor reliable news sources and verified GCS social media feeds for information; do not rely on information not relayed by GCS or first responders. Critical information and instructions will be relayed via Connect Ed messages.
- Do not go to the school unless instructed to do so. In some cases, the school may be in "lockdown" and you will not be able to access the school. In other cases, evacuation from the school campus may be required and your child will not be at the school.
- If the school is evacuated, you will be notified of the evacuation site and given instructions for reuniting with your child. Evacuation site locations are not given in advance, as they may change depending on the nature of the emergency.
- Your cooperation with school personnel, law enforcement and other first responders is critical to your safety and the safety of your child.

School Closure

The Superintendent is authorized to close schools if prevailing or potential hazards threaten the safety and well-being of pupils and employees. The Superintendent or his/her designee will make public information announcements and release to news media. In most situations the Superintendent's office will send a Connect-Ed Phone call notifying of GCS closing or delaying school.

Updates for all weather announcements can be found first at the Guilford County Schools website www.gcsnc.com. When questions arise concerning early dismissal of students due to weather conditions, please tune to one of the area television or radio stations for up-to-date information. Or check the Guilford County Schools website. **Please do not contact the school.**

Bullying

The state anti-bullying law, the Board of Education anti-bullying policy and procedure, and Kiser's PBIS focus on the value of each person should be an indication to both students and parents that we expect to have a bully free environment and that we take all acts of bullying, harassment, and discrimination seriously with resulting disciplinary consequences.

Bullying, harassment and discrimination could include any continual or repeated action that is intended to intimidate, threaten, injure or cause mental harm to another person or group. These actions could be face-to-face, written, posted on a website or sent through instant messaging, text messaging or social media, or rumor spreading, etc. They can be related to race, religion, gender, socioeconomic status, academic status, physical appearance, sexual orientation, disability or association with someone who is or is perceived to have one of these characteristics.

Any type of bullying for <u>any</u> reason is unacceptable. We must use our words and deeds to build up others, not tear them down.

Teasing, taunting and making unkind statements or deeds can be very harmful to a student. These types of behaviors must cease immediately.

Students who believe they are victims of bullying or are aware that a peer is being bullied should let a teacher, counselor, assistant principal or principal know immediately. Staff members that witness acts of bullying will report it to the administration.

Students will conduct themselves in a manner that protects the right of every student to learn and every teacher to teach.

Weapons

No student is permitted to bring to school any devise that can be used as a weapon (gun, knife, explosives, toy guns/knives, lighters, matches, sharp or pointed objects, chains, etc.). Student who break this rule may be suspended from school and law enforcement called.

OneCard/I.D. Badges

OneCard is the Guilford County Schools student identification and access card. OneCard provides many potential functions, including bus transportation access, school attendance, identification, media center checkout, cafeteria purchase, and more. Every student enrolled in a Guilford County Schools will be issued a OneCard and is expected to wear it at all times while on school grounds.

OneCards are to be worn to:

- a. Class
- b. The restroom
- c. Buy lunch
- d. Borrow library books
- e. Obtain early dismissal
- f. Participate in campus life activities (assemblies, athletic events, field trips)
- g. Be on campus before or after school
- h. Be transported on Guilford County Buses

- OneCards are to be worn on a breakaway lanyard provided by the school.
- The lanyard should be hanging around the neck outside the outer most layer of clothing so that it is visible at all times.
- It may not be attached to a shirtsleeve, pants, outside pocket or bottom of a shirt.
- The front and back of the OneCard must remain plain and fee of stickers, markings and other photos.
- Lost, stolen, altered, damaged and defaced OneCards must be replaced IMMEDIATELY.
- Cost for a OneCard replacement is \$5. Replacement lanyards are \$1.00.
- Students are to use their own OneCard at all times and shall not use another student's card for any purpose.
- Students shall not attempt to create or use a fake OneCard.
- Loss of privileges may occur for not following OneCard Procedures, which includes not having their OneCard with you every day.

Visitors

Visitation to the Kiser Middle School will continue to be limited until Guilford County School lifts restrictions.

- Parents will need to continue to make appointments at times administrators and staff are not with students.
- Visitors will be required to wear a mask, maintain 6 foot social distancing and observe all other health protocols while in the building.
- Parents and visitors will required to enter the Kiser building at the Kiser Main Office Entrance.
- If you will be going beyond the Main office you will need to sign in on the computer as a Visitor
 which will required a Driver's License or photo ID. A Visitor's Badge will be printed for you to
 wear while you are in the building.
- Any individual that is not enrolled or employed with Kiser must check-in upon arrival and receive proper documentation to enter the building. Visitors under the age of 18 must have adult supervision.
- Only individuals listed as contacts in Power School are allowed to visit students.

Volunteers

Guilford County School requires that all volunteers complete a registration process found on the Guilford County Website. https://www.gcsvolunteers.com. This is a one-time registration but in order for us to communicate with you, please add Kiser to your list of Schools.

Volunteers are required to enter the Kiser building at the Kiser Main Office Entrance and sign in on the computer as a Volunteer. The best way to find out about volunteering is to ask in the front office, ask your student's teacher(s) or join the PTA.

TRANSPORTATION

Car Rider Arrival

In past years Kiser has allowed early drop-off to help parents headed to work and to allow our car rider line to move as efficiently as possible. The student has either waited outside on the sidewalk or in the cafeteria; however, at this time we are unable to allow students to be dropped off before 8:00am.

In an effort to maximize space for the arrival of students by car we have relocated our Car Rider Line to the area behind the school off of Campus Drive, between the Grimsley football stadium and Kiser.

- Students should be let out of the car once they have reached the post with the numbers.
- Students should be prepared to exit the car quickly and proceed to their Grade Level Hallway.
- Drivers should pull as far forward as possible to allow for the maximum number of students to be dropped off in a safe area.
- Please observe KISER STAFF INSTRUCTIONS AND TRAFFIC SIGNS for everyone's safety

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Car Riders will follow the loop to the right of photo

Walkers & Bike Riders

Students are permitted to walk or ride their bike to school. Students are encouraged to continue to maintain 6 ft. of social distancing and wear appropriate cloth face covering while walking with others that are not a part of their immediately family.

Kiser Middle school has a bike rack in front of the school. Bike riders will need to bring their own lock and chain. Bikes must be padlocked to the rack while at school.

Bike riders and walkers will enter and exit through the bus rider entrance next to the gymnasium. Accommodations will be made for helmets as needed until student lockers can be assigned.

Bus Rider Arrival

- Upon boarding the bus at the bus stop each student will need to show the bus driver their Student OneCard (ID Badge)
- Students will be required to stay masked and in their seat until directed by the driver to get up and exit the bus.
- The bus will be boarded from back to front and students will then exit from front to back.
- Any student who does not comply with the procedures for the health and safety of others will require
 an immediate parent conference, and an alternative method of transportation may be required or
 your student will not be permitted to come to school for a certain length of time.

Bus transportation will follow the loop to the left in the photo for drop off and pick up at Kiser Middle School.

Bus Transportation

Bus Transportation is only available to those students that live in the Kiser School Zone. Students at Kiser under reassignment are not eligible for bus transportation.

All bus riders must submit an application to the Transportation Department to insure that a bus stop is available. This application is available online only and located at https://www.gcsnc.com/domain/2444.

For questions concerning transportation, please contact GCS Transportation at 336- 370-8920.

ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS SHOULD SUBMIT A BUS APPLICATION FORM. 7th and 8th grade students that have not moved will not have to submit a new application until they reach high school.

State law requires students to be at their designated passenger stop at the time of bus arrival. The school bus cannot wait for passengers. Please have your student ready and waiting at the bus stop fifteen minutes before the designated time.

Parents are encouraged to sign-up for <u>Here Comes the Bus</u> (HCTB). HCTB is a school bus tracking app that show the real time location of the bus. It provides schedules and actual arrival times at home and school, as well as push and email notification when the bus is near your child's stop. You can create an account from the App Store or Google plan and using code 87491.

Students riding a bus will not display any type of behavior that interferes with the safe and efficient operation of the bus. The bus driver is in complete charge of the bus and its occupants at all times. Students must always comply the directions and request of the driver. The following bus safety rules apply at all times:

- Follow the bus driver's directions the first time they are given.
- Wear your mask appropriately at all times.
- Take a seat as soon as you board the bus and stay seated until the bus arrives at your stop
- Limit conversations with the person(s) seated with you in the same seat.
- Keep hands, arms, etc. to yourself and inside the bus.
- Inappropriate language, cursing and loud talking are not permitted.
- Face the front and stay in your assigned seat while the bus is moving.
- Food, drinks, radios, tape/CD players, or any other electronic devices not permitted in school, are not permitted on the bus.
- Be at your bus stop 15 minutes before your bus is due to arrive
- Do not try to board the bus until it comes to a complete stop. The bus will stop about 15 feet in front of you to keep you safe.
- Delaying the bus schedule is not permitted.
- Fighting, weapons and smoking are not permitted on or at the bus stop.
- No tampering with the bus exit mechanisms; stay out of the driver's area.
- Meet the bus at designated stops only.
- No unauthorized leaving of the bus while in route.
- Written parental permission is required to change your stop.
- No horseplay, throwing trash, paper, or other objects, or otherwise distracting the driver's attention while the bus is in operation.

When bus safety rules are violated, the driver will report the infraction(s) to administration. After talking with the student and the driver, the school administration will determine the consequence for the behavior. Typically, depending upon the severity of the infraction, the first offense will result in a conference with the student and a warning to the parent. Further infractions typically will result in a suspension of riding privileges for one (1) to (5) days. Special circumstances can warrant the suspension of riding privileges for the entire school year.

During the period of bus suspension, it is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from school on a daily basis. Regular attendance is still required by law even though riding privileges have been suspended. Depending upon the severity of the misconduct, the administration has the authority to withdraw riding privileges on the first offense with the issuance or any prior letter of warning.

Due to the ongoing concerns for students health and safety, no student will be allowed to ride the bus unless they are assigned to that bus by GCS transportation. In other words, students may not go home with other students on the bus.

Parents/guardians are never to board a school bus and threaten or intimidate the driver or the passengers. It is a criminal offense to board a school bus without permission and law enforcement officials may be notified.

Attendance Policy

State Law requires that persons between the ages of 7 and 16 attend school. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for ensuring that students attend and remain at school daily. Students who fail to attend school regularly will be referred to the school and county attendance counselors.

A note from a parent or legal guardian should be sent to school on the day a student returns from an absence and given to their AA teacher in order for the absence to be excused.

Calls to the office are NOT NECESSARY to report a student absence for the day.

If a student is counted absent, he/she is not eligible to participate in any after school activities (athletic events, dances, etc.) that day. To be considered "in attendance" a student must be present in school for at least one-half of a school day. Student should arrive before 11:50 a.m. or not leave before 11:50 a.m. to be count present for the day.

More information concerning Guilford County School Attendance Policy can be found at https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/56547 page 50

Late Arrival

Students are expected to report on time to school and to all classes. If for any reason you are not in your classroom by 8:20 a.m. you are to report immediately to the front office to check in and receive a tardy pass. Excessive tardiness will be referred to the Kiser Social Worker. Appropriate opportunities will be provided to help students correct this behavior (parent conference, ASD, lunch detention) when appropriate.

Early Dismissal

Parents are asked to avoid checking out students after 2:50 p.m. as not to disrupt end of day procedures. Student will not be called from the classroom for early dismissal after 2:50 p.m. unless prior arrangements have been made. We closely monitor early dismissals in an attempt to reduce class interruptions for all students. Please try to schedule doctor or other appointments after school or on teacher workdays whenever possible. However, we do realize that emergencies arise and you may need to check a student out early.

When an early dismissal is necessary, please send a written note stating the reason for leaving, the time of departure, the name of the person who will be picking the student up, a phone number and the signature of a parent/guardian. The note should be given to the AA teacher upon arrival at school so that the teacher can put the information in the students planner.

A parent/guardian on file must report to the front office to sign out any student leaving campus during the school day (or adult who has written permission from your parent/guardian). Parents will be required to remain outside the main school entry doors to pick up their student. Parents are never allowed to go into the building to retrieve students for early dismissal, since this creates a disruption in instructional time.

Students **WILL NOT be released** to anyone other than those listed on the student contact form without prior notification. Please check your SchoolMint account for those emergency contacts.

If you forget to send a note for an early dismissal for your student or you have to make an emergency appointment for your child, please call the school as soon as possible before coming to pick them up. We will then inform the student between their classes that they are being picked up to cut down on interrupting instructional time. If a note or phone call is not made, please expect to wait while the student is called for dismissal.

Enrollment

Only students who are enrolled at Kiser may attend classes. A parent must reside in the Kiser School District or request and <u>receive</u> a written reassignment for Kiser from Guilford County School Reassignment Office to be eligible for enrollment.

School Health Program

Nurse Ganim is our public health nurse. She is scheduled to be at Kiser one and a half days each week. Nurse Ganim oversees the general health supervision of all our students.

If a student becomes ill at school they will place a call home. Students may not remain at school if they have a fever, are vomiting or pose a health risk to anyone else. If a student is injured at school, a first responder will attend to their injury and determine if medical personnel should be notified. Parents will also be notified when an injury occurs.

COVID -19 Protocol

Kiser Middle School will require that all staff, students and individuals who enter our building to wear a mask. We will focus on the health and safety of our school community by following all Guilford County School directives and protocol. In order to accomplish this we will be

- Placing our students into cohorts in order to limit mixing of student groups. There will be some exceptions, but this will hopefully make any necessary contact tracing easier.
- Providing students moving from one class to another will be given supplies to wipe down desk and chairs as they depart and arrive in each classroom.
- Providing mask or mask replacements throughout the day as needed.

Medications

Guilford County Schools has a procedure to assure safe administration of medication to students during the school day. To protect the safety of your student and in fairness to school staff that are responsible for administering medication, no exceptions will be made to this procedure. Guilford County Schools recognizes that medication should not be administered by district employees unless the parent is unable to make arrangements for the student to receive the medication before or after school hours. **NO medication** (prescription or non-prescription) will be given at school without written authorization of both the parent and the health care clinician. Note: A health care clinician is defined as a licensed health care provider who can prescribe medication under North Carolina statute.)

The Authorization of Medication for a Student at School form must be completed and signed by the health care clinician and parent before the medication, prescription or non-prescription, will be dispensed. The form is available in the school office and on the GCS Website. Medication must be delivered in person by the parent or guardian. All medications shall be administered as directed by the health care clinician. Prescription medications must be in a properly labeled container from the pharmacy and shall include the name of the student, the name of the drug, the frequency of administration, and the dosage. Non-prescription medication must be in the original container and will be administered according to the written instructions of the health care clinician. Whenever the medication is changed by the health care clinician, the parent is responsible for informing the school. This is to be done by submitting a new Authorization of Medication for a Student at School form.

If a parent wishes to withdraw his/her authorization of medication to be given at the school, the parent must inform the school of that decision, either in writing or orally. The parent is responsible for removing any unused medication from the school.

The school principal shall designate school staff member(s) to administer medication to students. The school principal or designee, shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the medication that is to be administered.

Parents, who have children needing medication daily, or on a regular basis, should:

- See Mrs. Garvey or Nurse Ganim to discuss medication needs
- Have a completed Medication Authorization Form
- Bring medication along with the form to the main office
- Parents are responsible for bringing and picking up medication for their child.

When illnesses occur and medication is needed during the school day, parents without a Medication Authorization Form will need to come to school to administer any needed medications to the student.

Students are not allowed to carry any type of medication, prescription or over the counter drugs with them at school at any time. This includes cough drops and ointments. Items brought to school without proper documentation will be taken and stored until a parent can pick it up.

TDAP and Meningococcal Vaccine

All student entering seventh-grade are required to present documentation of the Tdap vaccination (for tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (also called "whooping cough") and Meningitis) before school starts. Students should obtain the vaccine from their own health care provider or the Guilford County Department of Public Health. Under state law, students must be excluded from school if they do not get the vaccine.

Documentation of this vaccination should be given to the school immediately after given.

School Insurance

You can purchase school-time or 24-hour accident insurance on your child by going online and visiting this website: www.k12specialmarkets.com.

- Click on Enroll Now. Then enter "Guilford County" at School System and "North Carolina" at School State. Then click on the "Look-up" bar.
- Under Search Results click on "Guilford County Schools."
- Under the Coverages: Student 1 check the box for the plan(s) you want to purchase and click the Next bar. Then complete the application and click the Next bar.
- Enter your credit card information and click Purchase Coverage.
- Your child is now covered. Click on the bar to print your child's enrollment card.

SCHOOL MEALS

Free breakfast and lunch will be made available each day to all students.

Students are also permitted to bring their lunch from home at any time desired. Please do not send foods that are microwaveable. There is not a microwave available for student use.

We want to provide everyone with a pleasant environment for meals. To help with this we ask that all students respect each other by using good manners and seeing that his/her area is left clean.

Applications for free/reduced meals will be given to students the 1st day they enroll. All parents should submit a new application within the first ten days of school in order to assure that Kiser continues to receive funding from Federal programs. Even if your student brings lunch to school or you do not think you qualify, these forms are an important tool in reporting our student population demographics.

Breakfast is served upon student arrival and will continue to be service until the last bus arrives. Breakfast will be picked up in the entry hallways of each entrance and then eaten in the students AA. Students are expected to dispose of their trash in a designated trash receptacle. Unopened food may be saved. **If school opening is delayed, breakfast will not be served.**

Lunches will be picked up in the cafeteria beginning at 10:30. Students will carry their lunch back to the classroom or a designated outdoor area to eat. Students are expected to respect each other by using good manners and seeing that his/her area is left clean. This will help provide everyone with a pleasant environment for meals.

A la Carte items may be purchased from the cafeteria during the student's lunch pickup. The cafeteria will accept cash or check, made payable to Kiser Middle School. Payments may be placed on student accounts in the morning or afternoon. Prepayments may also be made with a credit card using the K-12 system. The link to K-12 may be found on the school's website.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Kiser Middle School is a school that focuses on making sure our students are academically, socially, and emotionally successful each day. It is evident that students who "Dress for Success" accomplish that goal over the course of the school year. We employ a dress code that we feel lets student's express individuality, but also establishes a guide to help student's make appropriate decisions about their daily appearance as they transition from grade to grade and from school to school. The goal of our dress code, along with all our routines and procedures, is to allow students to make positive decisions and promote an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. You have a right to determine your own style of dress and grooming provided that your appearance does not interfere with your own health and safety or that of others or interfere with the educational process of the school. The following guidelines have been established to aid parents and students in selecting the proper attire for the school year.

Shirts/Tops:

- Do not wear halter tops, fishnet tops, mesh, sleeveless shirts, or midriff tops.
- Shirts or blouses must always cover the entire torso (including shoulders and armpits), even in movement. Sheer or see through tops or pants must not expose undergarments or other inappropriate clothing.
- Shirts, tops, and dresses must be buttoned high enough to cover the chest and the back of the body cannot be exposed.
- For security reasons, coats may not be worn inside the school building during the school day.

Pants/Bottoms:

- Pants are to be pulled up to the waist and fastened so they remain in that position.
- No leggings or yoga pants unless the shirt/top length is to mid-thigh.
- No pajama pants/shorts.
- Short skirts, boxer shorts, spandex, and bike pants are not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses, and other bottoms if worn above the knee, must be worn with leggings underneath or cover at least 60% of a student's exposed leg from their hip to their knee or bottoms/pants must extend below the longest fingertip when arms are relaxed at the side.
- Jeans with holes or rips are allowed but holes, rips above the knee cannot show skin at any time which means when the student is standing, sitting or walking. The rips, holes, etc...need to have some type of cloth behind to cover the skin other than an undergarment. Nor should undergarments be visible at any time with the holes, rips, or tears.
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time.

Footwear:

- Closed toe and heel shoes must be worn (flats only).
- Shoes with laces must be laced up, with tongue inside, and tied securely.
- No crocs, slippers, sandals, or slides allowed.

Accessories:

- Bandanas, spiked collars, or chains, and long thick neck chains are not permitted.
- Hats, coats, and jackets must be kept in the student's bookbag or locker and are not to be worn during the day.
- No headwear (hats, caps, hoods, kerchiefs, curlers, sweatbands, scarves, bonnets, durags, etc.) or sunglasses can be worn inside school buildings.
- Headphones should only be used for educational purposes. They should not be "worn" if not in use.
- No hoops can be worn as face piercings.
- Chains attached to wallets, worn as necklaces or belts, or attached to key chains are not permitted.
- No face painting of any kind.
- There is no signing on shirts or bodies with magic markers at any time.
- Masks are required and must be school appropriate.
- GCS OneCard must always be worn while students are on campus.

Any clothing that is considered unsafe, dangerous, a health hazard, containing offensive or obscene language or symbols, slogans, or words degrading any gender, culture, religion, ethnic value, sexual content, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco reference, or symbols that represent gangs is not allowed.

Any student who is in violation of the dress code will be prompted to change, or call home for appropriate clothing. Students who are continuously in violation of dress code will be subject to disciplinary action based on the GCS Student Handbook Code of Conduct.

ACADEMICS

Grading Scale

A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

F = 59 and below

I = Incomplete

Power School

Power School Gradebook Portal gives parents and students access to real-time information including attendance, grades and detailed assignment descriptions, and even personal messages from the teacher. Access to Power School and the tutorial is linked on the Kiser School Website. Please contact Mrs. Hayes-Worthey on Power School Issues by e-mail at hayesc@gcsnc.com.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed approximately one week after the nine-week grading period ends. Parents are to sign the report card and return it to the teacher the following day. Interim Reports will be sent home four-and-a-half weeks into each grading period. The reports provide information about academic progress and any behavior concerns. Parents are to sign the reports and return them to the teacher the following day.

Supplies

Students are expected to arrive in all classes with supplies needed to complete assignments. Teachers will provide a list of required school supplies at the beginning of the school year with the expectation that students will replenish them as needed. Common items used in all classrooms include pencils, lined paper, glue sticks, colored pencils, ink pens, composition books, and binders. Tissues, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are also items that classrooms use regularly. Supply list by grade level is located on our website.

Chromebooks

Guilford County School has provided for each student in our district to have their own dedicated device to use at school and at home. All Kiser students will be issued a Lenovo Chromebook and charger to use to each day to enhance their education.

Each student is responsible for maintaining their device and protecting it to assure that it is good working condition. Students are responsible for packing, transporting and storing their Chromebook safely. Any damage or problems with their Chromebook should be reported immediately to their teacher or Mrs. Wasserman in the Media Center.

Each student is responsible for bringing a fully charged Chromebook to school each day in order to complete assignments as needed. Because usage will vary from class to class, your student should bring their device EVERYDAY.

For a complete listing of all Guilford County School rules and policies pertaining to Chromebook devices and Internet usage can be found in the GCS Student & Parent Handbook at https://www.gcsnc.com/Domain/2408 beginning on page 20.

Media Center/Library

The Media Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:50 am until 3:15pm. All students are encouraged to visit the Media Center for research and/or reading pleasure. Books may be checked out

during language arts visits, or during other appropriate times with teacher's signed permission. Students will utilize their One Cards to check out materials from the media center

Students will receive notice of overdue materials or lost books throughout the school year. Students are responsible for any lost/stolen items. Items remaining on the Overdue List at the end of the year may prevent the student from receiving their End of Grade Report Card and Test Scores. Items carried over to high school may prevent the student from receiving their diploma.

Planners

Student Planners are given to every student at the beginning of each school year or on their first day of school free of charge. The Kiser PTA pays for each students initial planner. Parents should consistently check student planners for information. *Planner replacement cost is \$5.00 and students are expected to have a planner at all times.* Students are not allowed to trade/swap/or use another student's planner. They must use their own Kiser planner.

Planners are to be used as a communication tool between student, parents and the school. **Students** should record assignments, deadlines, appointments, etc. in their planner. The planner is also great organizational tool. It is expected that planners are to be signed every time a student leaves the classroom. **Parents** can also use their student's planner to write notes to the teacher and/or notes to their student. This is a great tool to use as a reminder for a change in plans for the day or afternoon.

Tardy to Class

Students have approximately two to four minutes to transition from one class to another, especially during encores. This is sufficient time when students move appropriately.

PE Uniforms

PE Uniforms will be **required** to be worn by students once the decision is made to open our locker rooms. Kiser has shirts and shorts available for \$15 as a set or \$8 each. Some gently worn uniforms may be available for purchase from our SMOD closet. Please see your Guidance Counselor or the School Social Worker if you would like to purchase a uniform from the SMOD closet. Students will take their receipt to their PE Coach in order to pick up their clothing. It is strongly recommended that students write their names on their clothing as soon as they are picked up from their PE teacher. PE Uniforms may also be purchased on line with a credit card using the K12 link found on the Kiser Website.

Homework

Student achievement is directly related to the quality of learning that occurs in school and at home. Meaningful homework, not simple busy work, extends learning beyond the school days and should be a regular part of the instructional program. It is our expectation homework assignments will be completed by all students and turned in as instructed. Late assignments will be graded at the discretion of the teacher, but an automatic decrease in the grade should be expected.

Homework during Illness

Students will have the capability of doing classwork at home using their Chromebooks via Canvas applications. Students should check their teachers Canvas pages during absences for work if they are feeling well enough to complete. Parents may also contact the teacher directly by e-mail to verify assignments for the student. Teacher e-mail addresses can be found on the Kiser website. Students will be given time to make up homework and assignments due to being absent with an excused note from their parent/guardian.

Instructional Online Links for Students/Parents

Please visit the Kiser Website for an updated list of online resources to assist with additional practice and help with skills and concepts at home.

Parental/guardian supervision may be required as an option for a student to attend field trips if the student has discipline problems. The parents will also be required to provide transportation and pay any cost associated with the field trip.

Parents will also need to compete the Volunteer Background Check before being able to travel on a field trip.

Remote Day Expectations

In the event that all classes are cancelled at Kiser Middle School due to COVID, the following schedule will apply:

Remote Day Schedule (Covid Remote Shutdown Schedule)

	6 th Grade		7 th Grade		8 th Grade
9:30-9:45	Students Prepare for Remote Day	9:30-9:45	Students Prepare for Remote Day	9:30-9:45	Students Prepare for Remote Day
9:45-10:15	A/A Remote Check-in Live Call	9:45-10:15	A/A Remote Check-in Live Call	9:45-10:15	A/A Remote Check-in Live Call
10:20-11:00	Encore 1	10:20-11:05	Core 1	10:20-11:05	Core 1
11:05-11:50	Core 1	11:10-11:55	Core 2	11:10-11:55	Core 2
11:50-12:20	Lunch	12:00-12:30	Lunch	12:00-12:35	Lunch
12:30-1:15	Core 2	12:35-1:20	Encore 1	12:40-1:25	Core 3
1:20-2:05	Core 3	1:25-2:10	Core 3	1:25-2:10	Core 4
2:10-3:05	Core 4	2:15-3:00	Core 4	2:15-3:00	Encore 1
3:10-4pm	Finish Remote	3:10-4pm	Finish Remote	3:10-4pm	Finish Remote
	Assignments/Homework		Assignments/Homework		Assignments/Homework

^{*}Students will need to make sure they have their planner ready, workbooks, notebooks, and laptop fully charged and ready for the day.

Students should login to Canvas and check each core and encore class for any assignments or messages posted about the expectations for the remote day.

In the event that all classes are cancelled at Kiser Middle School due to weather conditions the following schedule will apply:

Remote Day Schedule (Weather Related Closure Remote Expectations)

1st Day of School Closure Due to Inclement Weather

All Students

- Login to Canvas and complete work and assignments posted for core and encore classes.
- Read 30 minutes.
- Spend time enjoying the winter weather is applicable.

2nd Consecutive Day of School Closure Due to Inclement Weather Event.

All Students

- Login to Canvas and complete work and assignments posted for core and encore classes.
- Read 30 minutes.
- Spend time enjoying the winter weather is applicable.
- Teacher Remote Office Hours Available:
 Math Office Hours 10-10:45am
- Math Office Hours 10-10:45am
- ELA Office Hours 10:45-11:30am
 Science Office Hours 11:30 13:15m
- Science Office Hours 11:30-12:15pm
- Social Studies Office Hours 12:15-1pm
- Encore Office Hours 1-1:45pm

3rd Consecutive Day of School Closure Due to Inclement Weather Event.

All Students

- . Students and teachers will follow the Remote Learning Day Schedule posted above for the potential long term Covid shutdown.
- Students will attend encore classes scheduled for that particular day. Monday/Wednesday A Encores; Tuesday/Thursday B Encores; If weather day
 fall on a Friday an announcement will be posted for students to guide which encore to attend.

Students will not have the option of taking classes at home individually for an extended amount of time. Remote Days will only be held if a classroom or grade level stays at home.

^{*}A/A Check-in Live Call is to take daily attendance; determine any needs a student may have to be able to work remotely during the day.

Tutoring

After school tutoring will be scheduled at the teacher preference. Most sessions are held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. An afterschool bus is available from October through May for those who live in the Kiser district if the district makes it available. Buses would leave Kiser at 4:45 p.m.

Students are encouraged to stay for tutoring to receive additional instruction, prep for an assessment, or work on projects, Tutoring is not for students who fail to turn in assignments during the regular school day. Teachers will communicate what days they will be available for tutoring. Parents should supply the necessary documentation to allow their student to stay for tutoring. (a note in their planner or an e-mail to the teacher is sufficient).

Students staying for afterschool tutoring must report directly to their tutoring room after dismissal. Students staying for tutoring may NOT go to buses or the car rider's area before reporting their teacher's room. Students found in the parking lot while staying for tutoring will be denied future after school privileges.

Field Trips

Out of school experiences may be arranged by teachers for students during the school year. When a field trip is to be taken, your student will bring home information and a permission form about the upcoming trip. This form must be signed and returned by the due date or your student will not be allowed to go on the trip. **Permission to attend field trips cannot be accepted by telephone.**

Payments for field trips must be made prior to the field trip. Students will be instructed on how to make their cash or check payment at school. Parents wishing to make a credit card payment will need to use the K-12 Payment Center. **Credit card payments cannot be made at the school.** We encourage parents to utilize the K-12 Payment Center to avoid the loss of large sums of money. (See K-12 Payment for more information)

Class Observations

Until we are given further directives from downtown visitors are not allowed in the building during the school day. Once these limits are lifted we will welcome all parents to come and observe their child in class, but we also ask that your observation be scheduled. Please arrive before the beginning of the class period so that there is limited class disruption. And, if you wish to speak to the teacher about your student, please make an appointment. Please do not involve the teacher in conversation during teaching time or hall supervision.

Exceptional Children Services

Students who meet established criteria and are part of the EC program are assigned to a case manager at the beginning of the year. The case manager will serve as the contact person for students in the EC program. Parents who wish to have additional information regarding these services should contact their counselors. Students who are experiencing an academic problem are encouraged to attend weekly tutoring sessions. Contact your teacher or counselor if you have any questions.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Athletic Teams

State law mandates that 6th, 7th and 8th grade students may participate on athletic teams. Only 7th and 8th grade students may participate on football teams.

Only Students who have meet academic and behavior requirements each semester will be allowed to participate in athletic activities. These requirements will be discussed during a parent meeting after team selections are announced. Any questions should be directed to our Athletic Director, Addison Edwards at edwarda3@gcsnc.com

Each student must have on file with the school a current (less than 12 months old) physical examination form and concussion form. These forms must be submitted <u>before</u> students are allowed to try out for any sport. These forms are available on the Kiser website.

Kiser Middle School will follow all GCS protocol concerning the Covid 19 for athletes.

Kiser Middle School students have the following sport teams for which they may try out:

Fall: Football (7th & 8th graders only)

Cheerleading (yearlong)
Girls & Boys Soccer
Girls & Boys Volleyball
Cross Country Track

Winter: Girls & Boys Basketball

Wrestling

Spring: Baseball/Softball

Track Golf



All Guilford County and Kiser Athletes are required to pay a \$45 athletic participation fee once per year regardless of their number of sports activities.

More information concerning Guilford County Schools Athletic policies and procedures can be found at https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/56547 page 83.

Clubs/Activities

Students in all grades are eligible and encouraged to participate in the clubs and activities at Kiser Middle School. Go to the Kiser website for more information and a listing of current Kiser Clubs.

Assemblies/Concerts/Awards

The Public Health School Toolkit states that schools are required to discontinue in-person activities that involve bringing together large groups of people or activities that do not allow for social distancing. Therefore, we will suspend all in-person assemblies, concerts, award ceremonies until new guidance is received that it is appropriate to do so. Kiser will make every effort to find opportunities for our students to showcase their achievements and progress in our performing arts programs without having large, in-person assemblies.

Students, parents and fans will be required to wear mask when attending any Kiser/Guilford County Athletic event.

COMMUNICATIONS

Two-way communication between school and home it critical for all to work together to create an environment for our students to be successful. Kiser will continue to communicate with parents through email, remind apps, Canvas, Connect Ed, Teams calls, and phone calls to avoid too many in-person interactions and conferences. In most cases, situations, concerns, and items that occur can be resolved just as quickly and will continue to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Connect Ed

Each week Mr. Wohlgemuth will reach out with a phone message with the upcoming and important events happening on our school calendar. Special messages will also be made for special activities or special announcements that occur during the school year. If you are not receiving Connect Ed messages please call 855.502.7867. If you would like to receive a written version of the Connect Ed message please e-mail Mrs. Jackson at jacksop3@gcsnc.com. Please include the grade level of your student.

Website

The Kiser Website has links that will help you find information about school lunch menus, bus stops, PTA and more. (http://www.gcsnc.com/kiser_middle)

Telephone Calls

Use of the school telephone by students is not allowed. If a student needs to communicate with a parent the teacher or office staff will call on behalf of the student.

If you should miss a call from Kiser Middle School please be sure to first check your voice mail before calling into the office. All of our phones ring back to our main number and without knowing who called, we will be unable to direct you to the caller. If a message is not left, please do not call us back.

Phone calls for students while at school are not permitted due to safety precautions

Students are not allowed to use their cell phones during the school day. Cell phones are to be powered off and placed in the students backpack before entering the building and remain in their backpack the entire school day. If a student is found with a cell phone on their person during the school day, the phone will be taken and locked in the front office. A parent/guardian may be required to come to school to claim.

Two Way Consent

A Two-Way Consent form must be completed in order for staff to discuss or share any information with anyone other than their legal parent/guardian of the student.

Calendars

The Guilford County School calendar can be found on the GCS website. www.gcsnc.com The Kiser Middle School Calendar can be found on the Kiser website.

https://www.gcsnc.com/kiser_middle. Parents/guardians are encouraged to utilize these documents to plan vacations and appointments in an effort to eliminate students' missing instructional time.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Change of Address/Contact Information

If a student has a change of address during the school year, the parent/ guardian must present or email proof of address to the Mrs. Hayes Worthy our Data Manager. The following may be used as proof of address:

- Current utility bill
- Lease agreement.
- Driver's License AND a car registration
- Driver's License AND a voter's registration

To help assure the health/safety of all students, we ask that parents provide current daytime phone numbers for themselves and their emergency contact(s). We also ask that students have contact numbers written in their planners for easy reference.

School Payments

Guilford County Schools accepts payment in the form of cash, check or credit card.

Checks should be written to Kiser Middle School. Credit card payments may only be made by utilizing the K12 Online Payment system. **Credit card payments** <u>cannot</u> be made in the Kiser Office at this time. There is a small transaction fee for each transaction, so we will make every effort to make available the opportunity to pay for multiple fees at one time.

K-12 Payment Instructions

- 1. Select K-12 Payment Center from the Kiser Website
- 2. Log in as a guest or set up your own account. Regular users should set up an account
- 3. State (North Carolina) and School District (Guilford County Schools) should be selected
- 4. SCHOOL FEES please go to FILTERS and select KISER MIDDLE, this will reduce the amount of searching you will have to do for Kiser fees. You will then be shown a list of fees that are specific to Kiser Middle School.
- 5. Select what fee you are wishing to pay and complete the necessary information
- 6. Go to your shopping cart icon in the upper right hand corner of the screen to begin the check-out process.
- 7. The item(s) you have added to your cart along with the total charge will be shown.
- 8. PLEASE NOTE: The convenience fee for CREDIT CARD transactions under \$100 is \$1.95. Transactions over \$100 will have a transaction fee of 2.99% of the items charged. Also note you can apply funds to multiple accounts including your child's lunch account from this system. If using an ELECTRONIC CHECK a minimal convenience fee will be applied to all payments regardless of amount. (This feature should be available later in the fall of 2019.)
- 9. PROCEED TO CHECKOUT WHEN YOU ARE READY.
- 10. Credit card information is then entered and your transactions are complete.
- 11. Print a copy of your receipt, if possible, for your records. If your student is purchasing clothing they should bring a copy to give to their teacher in order to pick up their item.

Refunds

Request for refunds for payments must be made in writing by the student's parent or guardian and must include the original receipts given at the time of payment. **NO REFUND** can be given without a receipt.

Title One

Kiser Middle School is currently a Title One School. The purpose of Title One is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

To be served as a Title I school a percentage of our families in the school must be identified as low income. The percentage to qualify changes yearly. Title One Schools receive additional funding from the Federal Government to assist with this purpose. Parent participation is required and if you are interested, please contact the school offices.

OTHER INFORMATION

Animals

Animals of any kind are not to be brought to school.

Cell phones

- Students are not allowed to have cell phones out during the school day. If a cell phone is seen
 once the student enters the building, it will be taken and held in the school offices.
- Cell phones should be powered off and placed in the student's backpack before entering the building and remain there for the entire school day.
- Items confiscated can be held up to 10 days (see GCS handbook for cell phones and electronic devices). Parents/guardians may be required to come to school to claim these items.

Dropping Off Items for Students

- If you are dropping off items for students you will need to either remain outside with the item until
 the student can come and pick the item up or write the students name and homeroom teacher's
 name on the item and we will attempt to get the item to the student. We cannot guarantee
 delivery.
- Only items that pertain to your students school day or school activities should be brought to the school since this causes an avoidable interruption to all students in the classroom.
- Flowers, balloons and gifts will not be accepted if delivered to school.

Kiser Middle School personnel will not accept responsibility for items dropped off for students or placed in the office for pickup.

Lockers & Locks

As we begin to transition back to school, the students will not be assigned a locker. The students will keep their book bag, jackets, and other items with them throughout the day. The purpose is to also eliminate a transition and opportunity where students are moving to areas where maintaining 6 ft. social distancing is difficult. The leadership team will continue to monitor the ongoing situation and will determine when it will be appropriate to assign student lockers.

If and when locker are reintroduced this school year the following will apply.

- Locks will be provided to each student for their hallway and PE lockers.
- These locks are the property of Kiser Middle School and the use of personal locks are prohibited.
- Combinations should not be shared and students should make sure their padlock is secure before leaving the locker area.
- Cost to replace a lock is \$5.
- Students are not to share lockers.
- Items to be placed in your lockers would include your cell phone (turned off), coats, hooded items, book bags, etc.
- PE Coaches will assign each student a PE locker for use during PE.

Lost and found

Items that are found throughout the school will be placed in containers located throughout the building. Students may look through the lost/found items before or after school and at lunch. Parents may come look before and after school by signing in as a visitor in the front office. Following each grading period, any item not claimed will be donated or discarded. Please encourage students to check lost and found for personal items they have misplaced.

Water Bottles

The water fountains will again be covered and unavailable for students or staff to use in accordance with the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit. Students are permitted to bring a water bottle from home and can fill them up from water dispensers placed around the building. The school will also have bottled water available for students. If you would like to donate a case of water, please contact the front office.

WHAT'S AHEAD

*Dates are subject to change

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Monday, August 23

Monday, August 30 PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 2 Kiser Girls Volleyball/Boys Soccer at Allen

Monday, September 6 Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 7 Kiser Girls Volleyball/Boys Soccer at SW Guilford

Thursday, September 9 PTA/TITLE ONE MEETING

Monday, September 13 Kiser Girls Volleyball/Boys Soccer at Kernodle

Tuesday, September 14, 4p – 8p KISER SPIRIT NIGHT, Chipotle, 1420 Westover Terrace (must tell)

Wednesday, September 15 Kiser Football at Allen

Thursday, September 16 Kiser Girls Volleyball/Boys Soccer vs. Eastern Guilford Monday, September 20

Kiser Girls Volleyball/Boys Soccer vs. NE Guilford

Kiser Parent Family Engagement Series

1st Quarter Interim Reports Issued Wednesday, September 22

Kiser Football at SW Guilford

Thursday, September 23 Kiser Girls Volleyball/Boys Soccer vs. Western Guilford

Kiser Girls Volleyball/Boys Soccer at Mendenhall Monday, September 27

Kiser Parent Family Engagement Series

Lifetouch Fall Photos Friday, October 1

Monday, October 4 PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Kiser Parent Family Engagement Series

Wednesday, October 6 Kiser Football at Kernodle

Monday, October 11 Kiser Girls Soccer/Boys Volleyball at Allen

Kiser Parent Family Engagement Series

Tuesday, October 12 BREAKFAST AFTER DARK, Biscuitville, 4524 W. Market St

Wednesday, October 13 Kiser Football vs Eastern Guilford @ Grimsley Thursday, October 14 Kiser Girls Soccer/Boys Volleyball vs. SW Guilford

Monday, October 18 Kiser Parent Family Engagement Series

KISER SPIRIT NIGHT, Taco Mama, 2168 Lawndale Drive 5p - 9p

Wednesday, October 20 Kiser Football vs NE Guilford @ Grimsley

Thursday, October 21 Kiser Girls Soccer/Boys Volleyball vs. Kernodle

Friday, October 22 End of 1st Quarter Monday, October 25 Staff Workday - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Tuesday, October 26 Staff Workday - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, October 27 Kiser Football vs Western Guilford @ Grimsley Thursday, October 28 Kiser Girls Soccer/Boys Volleyball @ NE Guilford

Monday, November 1 Kiser Girls Soccer/Boys Volleyball @ Western Guilford

> PTA Executive Committee Meeting Kiser Parent Family Engagement Series

Wednesday, November 3 Kiser Football at Mendenhall

Thursday, November 4 Kiser Girls Soccer/Boys Volleyball vs. Mendenhall

> KISER SPIRIT DAY, Brixx Pizza, 1424 Westover Terrace, must tell 11 a - 10 p

Friday, November 5 Lifetouch Fall Individual Makeups

Tuesday, November 8 Kiser Girls Soccer/Boys Volleyball @ Eastern Guilford

Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break Begins - NO SCHOOL Wednesday, November 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING - NO SCHOOL Thursday, November 25

Friday, November 26 NO SCHOOL Wednesday, December 1 2nd Quarter Interim Reports Issued

Thursday, December 2 Kiser Basketball – TBD

4 p – 9 p KISER SPIRIT NIGHT, Jason's Deli, Friendly Shopping Center

Monday, December 6 Kiser Basketball – TBD

PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 9 Kiser Basketball - TBD Monday, December 13 Kiser Basketball - TBD

PTA MEETING – ARTS PROGRAM/WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, December 16 Kiser Basketball - TBD

Friday December 17 LAST SCHOOL DAY BEFORE WINTER BREAK

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 STUDENTS RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK

Thursday, January 6 Kiser Basketball – TBD

11 a – 10 p KISER SPIRIT DAY, Cici's Pizza, 3379 Battleground must tell

Monday, January 10 Kiser Basketball @ Kernodle
PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 13 Kiser Basketball @ Kiser vs. Eastern Guilford

Friday, January 14 LAST DAY OF 2ND QUARTER

Monday, January 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – NO SCHOOL Tuesday, January 18 Staff Workday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Thursday, January 20 Kiser Basketball @ Northeast Guilford

Monday, January 24 Kiser Basketball @ Kiser vs. Western Guilford

Wednesday, January 26 Report Cards to Students
Thursday, January 27 Kiser Basketball @ Mendenhall
Monday, January 31 Kiser Basketball @ Kiser Vs. Kernodle

Thursday, February 3

Kiser Basketball @Eastern Guilford

Monday, February 7

Kiser Basketball @ Northeast Guilford

PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 10 Kiser Basketball @Western Guilford Monday, February 14 Kiser Basketball @Kiser vs. Mendenhall Thursday, February 17 3rd Quarter Interim Reports Issued

PTA General meeting

Monday, February 21 Staff Workday - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday, February 22 Staff Workday - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, March 1 KISER SPIRIT DAY, Cici's Pizza, 3379 Battleground must tell

Friday, March 4 Lifetouch Spring Photos

Monday, March 7 PTA Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 10 Kiser Baseball/Softball – TBD
Monday, March 14 Kiser Baseball/Softball - TBD

Wednesday, March 16 Kiser Track – TBD

Thursday, March 17 Kiser Baseball/Softball – TBD Monday, March 21 Kiser Baseball/Softball - TBD

Wednesday, March 23 Kiser Track - TBD
Thursday, March 24 Last day of 3rd Quarter

Kiser Baseball/Softball – TBD Kiser Baseball/Softball - TBD

Wednesday, March 30 Kiser Track – TBD

Monday, March 28

Thursday, March 31 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Kernodle

Monday, April 4 Kiser Baseball/Softball @Eastern Guilford

PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 5 Report Cards to Students Wednesday, April 6 Kiser Track @ Kernodle

Thursday, April 7 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Kiser vs. Northeast Guilford

Monday, April 11 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Kiser vs. Western

Wednesday, April 13 Kiser Track vs. Eastern Guilford Thursday, April 14 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Mendenhall

KISER SKATE NIGHT AT SKATELAND (Stagecoach Drive)

LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK

April 15 - 22 SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 25 STUDENTS RETURN FROM SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, April 26 8th Grade Certificate Photos Wednesday, April 27 Kiser Track vs. Northeast Guilford

Thursday, April 28 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Kiser vs. Kernodle

Monday, May 2 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK BEGINS

Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Eastern Guilford

PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 4 Kiser Track vs. Western Guilford

Thursday, May 5 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Northeast Guilford Monday, May 9 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Western Guilford Thursday, May 12 Kiser Baseball/Softball @ Kiser vs Mendenhall

11 a – 10 p KISER SPIRIT DAY, Brixx Pizza, 1424 Westover Terrace, must tell

Thursday, May 19 PTA General Meeting

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Friday, June 3 LAST DAY OF 4TH QUARTER

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, June 6 PTA Executive Committee Meeting

Accommodations that remain in place due to the ongoing pandemic

- MASK
- No early drop off
- No bus transportation for 'visitor' riders
- No visitors in the building
- Parents wait outside for student
- Desk 3 ft. apart
- 6 ft. social distancing as possible
- No meals in cafeteria
- Water fountains closed
- Students cohort groups
- No Lockers
- No field trips
- No PE locker rooms
- Staggered Arrival/dismissals

^{*}Dates are subject to change