

## GOMS Eblast 9-16-22



Dear GOMS Families,

As we all know the quality of the air is a very important part of all of our lives. RUSD has developed air quality procedures and guidelines that we will be following at GOMS. We have attached some of the frequently asked questions about the guidelines and procedures we will be following to keep our students and staff safe on challenging air quality days:

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **How will RUSD monitor the air quality?**

As air quality conditions change, RUSD officials receive automated notifications alerting them of current air quality conditions. Each hour (beginning at 6 a.m.), RUSD's departments of Technology and Maintenance and Operations will observe the [Lincoln Reporting Area](#) for Whitney High School, Quarry Trail Elementary, and Sunset Ranch Elementary. The [Roseville-Rocklin Reporting Area](#) air monitor through AirNow.gov will be observed for the remainder of the schools.

#### **What changes would occur as the AQI drops below the Healthy level?**

Please [click here](#) to review a breakdown of air quality levels and what actions RUSD would take as the AQI continues to worsen to Hazardous level.

#### **What would cause schools to be closed?**

If the air quality reaches a Hazardous Level, then RUSD would close affected campuses. The decision to close schools due to poor air quality will not take place if the school day is in progress; however, students will be kept indoors, as needed. The decision to close schools will be made prior to the start of the school day by the District Office.

#### **Could school sites make their own decisions on whether to cancel after school and extracurricular activities (sports and Visual and Performing Arts) if they deem the air quality to be too poor for their students?**

Schools would have electronic access to monitor the air quality to determine whether to move or cancel indoor/outdoor activities. However, the decision to close any school is made by the District Office.

#### **Will RUSD use Distance Learning or Online Learning platforms if in-person instruction is temporarily unavailable due to poor air quality?**

No. Any missed instruction days will be made up at a later date unless RUSD is granted a waiver from the California Department of Education.

#### **Will there be Personal Protective Equipment available to school staff in the event of poor air conditions?**

Yes, RUSD will provide N95 masks to Maintenance and Operations employees, when appropriate.

#### **How often will staff members find out about the change in the AQI?**

School principals will receive communication from the District Office as the AQI changes throughout the day. Mr. Anaya and I will be constantly checking the Air Now app to ensure that we are making common sense and data driven decisions that protect the health and welfare of all stakeholders at GOMS. We will also be relying on our eyes, ears, smell and common sense to make decisions that err on the side of caution and support the health and welfare of our stakeholders. GOMS will be sending eblasts to parents on extreme days to let you know how we are going to ensure the safety of our students.

We hope you have an amazing weekend and send our best wishes to those people in our area that have been affected by wildfire this year.

All the best,  
Mr. Anaya and Mr. Holmes

## **Site Council Information**

The Site Council objective is to assist Granite Oaks Middle School in matters pertaining to the school and its educational program. Specific objectives include:

- A. Advising, recommending, and reviewing with the principal, teachers, other school personnel, parents, and pupils the implementation of the school improvement program and assess periodically the effectiveness of the program.
- B. Facilitating school and district communication with parents and community.
- C. Informing and advising school and district staff regarding community conditions, aspirations, and goals.
- D. Assisting in providing support to parents, teachers, students, and community for school programs.
- E. Involving citizens in a meaningful way in problems and important decisions confronting Granite Oaks Middle School.
- F. Foster relationships between homes, school, and staff.

**If you are interested in serving on the Granite Oaks Site Council, please APPLY HERE FOR SITE COUNCIL by 3:30 p.m. on September 16, 2022.**

**Please support our wonderful teachers and staff by contributing to the Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, September 22:**



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4facad2ca7fc1-september>

Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Granite Oaks Math Lab - GOMS Library**  
(Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday- 2:40 - 3:30 pm)

**Granite Oaks Math Lab provides assistance to students that need extra support with math. Unlike private tutors, the lab instructors are credentialed classroom teachers familiar with textbooks, common core standards, styles of teaching, classroom expectations, and grading.**

**This Lab is great for students who:**  
**Struggle with completing quality homework assignments**  
**Receive low test scores**  
**Have learning difficulties**  
**Need extra time or one-on-one assistance**  
**Need to improve overall understanding and performance in math**

## Counselor Corner - September 2022

Granite Oaks' 7th and 8th graders are off to an exciting new school year! Along with the many learning experiences ahead, there will be unique challenges as students continue their educational journey. We would like to share some tips to help our new 7th graders in their transition to middle school, as well as our 8th graders as they begin their preparation for high school.

**#1 Sleep well.** Teens and young adults should be getting 8 to 10 hours per night. Enough sleep is critical for your body and brain to function well.

**#2 Eat right.** Healthy and balanced meals give your body and mind energy to work well throughout the day. Take extra time and effort to make sure you're not only eating enough, but eating a mix of everything you need (fruits, veggies, dairy, and whole grains).

**#3 Do your homework.** Making it a habit to do your homework each night will help you practice skills and be ready for the quizzes and tests. Put your phone away during homework time so that you are better able to focus on your assignments.

**#4 Pay attention in class.** Focusing and using class time wisely is one of the best ways to get ahead in middle school. Since you'll be switching around from class to class, it's important to pay attention and follow along for every minute that you can. Avoid being too talkative in class, as this will distract you and your classmates.

**#5 Get involved.** Research shows that school and community involvement can be a big determining factor for your success. Kids who are involved with community activities, sports, and clubs are more likely to do well inside and outside of school. In addition to learning about extracurricular activities at GOMS, you can also research opportunities in our community. [Rocklin Parks and Rec](#)

**#6 Think positively.** Things are going to get tough and overwhelming at times. Making mistakes is part of learning and growing. It's important to stay positive and know that you CAN do whatever you put your mind to.

**#7 Ask for help.** Whether you are struggling academically, socially, or emotionally, your teachers and counselors are willing to help you. Seek out and ask for help when you feel you might need it. If you would like to talk with a counselor, stop by Student Services and fill out a green "Request to see Counselor" form. You can also visit the GOMS Counseling page where you can find helpful resources and support, as well as your counselor's contact information:

[GOMS Counseling](#)

**#8 Stay organized.** A little organization goes a LONG way in middle school. Writing down homework in a student planner will help you study, turn in work, and do better on tests/quizzes. Or, you may prefer to keep on top of your assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests by frequently checking Schoology or a calendar that your teachers have provided.

**#9 Make goals.** Identify something that you want to attain by the end of the quarter or semester. Then, make a plan and stick with it to get there.

**#10 Take risks.** Middle school is the time when you start to grow up and figure out who you are in the world. Take risks and be brave. It will pay off in the end.

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# East Coast Tour 2023!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Foundations of Freedom Tour**  
**April 1 - 7, 2023**

Do you like to travel? Do you like U.S. history? Do you like to experience new things and meet new people? Do you have good grades and all your merits? IF SO THEN THE EAST COAST TOUR IS...

**FOR YOU!!!**

Also called the Foundations of Freedom Tour because of its many links to our nation's history, the East Coast Tour visits the following U.S. cities:

- Boston
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Washington, D.C.

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If you weren't able to attend the meeting, here is a slide deck with all the information you will need!  
---> [East Coast Trip Presentation](#)

## Ready to apply?

[East Coast Trip Application](#)

## Are you a parent who would like to join us?

[East Coast Trip Adult Application](#)

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Questions? Please email Mr. Champ at [eastcoasttripchamp@gmail.com](mailto:eastcoasttripchamp@gmail.com)