



Greater Lawrence Technical School

Opening Plan

2021 - 2022

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Letter from the Superintendent-Director

August 13, 2021

Dear Greater Lawrence Technical School Community:

Let me begin by recognizing the administrative team, faculty and support staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing Greater Lawrence Technical School for your arrival in just three short weeks. It's important to understand that the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is requiring all students to be in-person this school year. GLTS students are also required to wear masks at all times when in the building.

As you know the pandemic is still with us, which means we will continue to face similar challenges as the previous school year. We have revised last year's reopening plan to reflect the safety procedures and protocols that are important to keep staff and students safe for the school year 2021-2022.

I would like to share with you a [draft copy of our schools 2021-2022 opening plan](#) that will be reviewed, discussed and voted on at the District School Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The streaming link to view the meeting will be located on our website at <https://www.glts.net/domain/1111>. Additionally, I would like to share a letter I received from Commissioner Jeff Riley regarding requirements for opening school this September. The link to the letter is [Fall 2021 - DESE Letter](#).

I know everyone would prefer not to wear a mask and return to normal as quickly as possible. However, the way to make this happen is to have a high percentage of staff and students vaccinated. So in an attempt to meet this goal we have planned the following events:

- A vaccination barbeque for all students and parents that will be held at GLTS on August 25, 2021 from 11:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, dancing, food, prizes and t-shirts for all who attend and get vaccinated. More information will be sent out to you in the next couple of days.
- Also during the first two days of school, students will be able to receive the vaccine at GLTS.

Please know that health and safety remains our top priority at GLTS, and educating our students in-person this year without interruption continues to be one of our top goals. I look forward to seeing you soon and I hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation.

Sincerely,



John N. Lavoie
Superintendent-Director

2021-2022 School Calendar



Greater Lawrence Technical School School Calendar 2021- 2022



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August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31				

A=00 B=00

8/23 - 8/26 - New Staff Orientation
8/31 - Faculty Prof. Dev.

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	
A	6	7	8	9	10	
B	13	14	15	16	17	
A	20	21	22	23	24	
B	27	28	29	30		18

A=9 B=9

9/1 - 9/2 - Faculty Prof. Dev.
9/2 - Gr. 9 & New Students - ½ day
9/3 and 9/6 - No School Labor Day
9/7 - All Students Report
9/22 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B					1	
A	4	5	6	7	8	
B	11	12	13	14	15	
A	18	19	20	21	22	
B	25	26	27	28	29	20

A=10 B=10

10/1 - Progress Reports
10/7 - Back to School Night
10/11 - Columbus Day (No School)
10/13 - PSAT
10/27 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	1	2	3	4	5	
B	8	9	10	11	12	
A	15	16	17	18	19	
B	22	23	24	25	26	
B	29	30				19

A=10 B=9

11/5 - Term 1 Ends (43)
11/7 - Open House
TBD - MCAS ELA Retest
11/11 - Veteran's Day
TBD - MCAS Math Retest
11/ - Advisory Board Meeting
11/17 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day
11/24 - Students & Faculty - ½ day
11/25- 11/26 - Thanksgiving Recess

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B			1	2	3	
A	6	7	8	9	10	
B	13	14	15	16	17	
A	20	21	22	23	24	
B	27	28	29	30	31	17

A=9 B=8

12/10 - Progress Reports
12/15 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day
12/23 - Students & Faculty - ½ day
12/24 - 12/31 - Holiday Recess

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	3	4	5	6	7	
A	10	11	12	13	14	
B	17	18	19	20	21	
A	24	25	26	27	28	
B	31					20

A=10 B=10

1/1 - Holiday Recess
1/3 - Classes Resume
TBD Access for ELs Tests
TBD - Gr. 9 Parent Selection Information Night
TBD - Freshmen Career Area Selection
1/17 - Martin Luther King Day (No School)
1/26 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day
1/28 - Term 2 ends (50) (93)

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B		1	2	3	4	
A	7	8	9	10	11	
B	14	15	16	17	18	
A	21	22	23	24	25	
A	28					15

A=6 B=9

TBD - MCAS Biology Retest
TBD/Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Career Night
2/16 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day
2/21-2/25 - Presidents' Day/Winter Recess

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A		1	2	3	4	
B	7	8	9	10	11	
A	14	15	16	17	18	
B	21	22	23	24	25	
A	28	29	30	31		23

A=13 B=10

TBD - MCAS ELA Retest
3/4 - Progress Reports
TBD - MCAS Math Retest
3/9 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day
3/10 - National Honor Society Induction
TBD - SkillsUSA Districts
TBD - MCAS ELA (delay 9,11,12)*

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A						1
B	4	5	6	7	8	
A	11	12	13	14	15	
B	18	19	20	21	22	
B	25	26	27	28	29	15

A=5 B=10

4/8 - Term 3 ends (45) (138)
4/13 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day
4/14 - Advisory Board
4/15 - Good Friday (No School)
4/18 - 4/22 - Patriot's Day/Spring Recess
TBD - SkillsUSA States

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	2	3	4	5	6	
B	9	10	11	12	13	
A	16	17	18	19	20	
B	23	24	25	26	27	
A	30	31				21

A=11 B=10

TBD - SkillsUSA States
TBD - Incoming Freshmen Assessment
5/11 - Prof. Dev. - ½ day
5/20 - Progress Reports
TBD - MCAS Math (delay 9,11,12)*
5/19, 5/20 & 5/23, 5/24 Senior Finals
5/25 - Senior Finals Makeup
5/26 - Senior Awards Night(tentative)
5/30 - Memorial Day (No School)

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A			1	2	3	
B	6	7	8	9	10	
A	13	14	15	16	17	
B	20	21	22	23	24	
B	27	28	29	30		17

A=8 B=9

TBD - MCAS Biology
6/2 - Graduation
6/-6/ - Finals (tentative)
6/23- Term 4 ends (tentative) (47) (185)

A days = 91 ; B days = 94

Total Number of Days = 185 (Incl. 5 Sch. Cancellation Days)
(School Year can extend to 6/30 due to additional cancellation)

- = Prof. Dev. 1/2 days
- = Important Dates
- = Assessments
- = Holidays & School Breaks
- 00 = End of Term & Progress Reports Due

Approved by District Committee on: May 11, 2021

* MCAS Delayed Openings - Students report to school at 10:48 AM
½ day - Students dismissed from school at 12:04 PM

In-Person Learning Model

Greater Lawrence Technical School will return to full in-person learning; per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education there will not be a remote learning model available. All staff and students will be required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, and engage in frequent hand washing/sanitizing. It is recommended that all students in learning spaces, career areas, and any other common spaces (e.g. cafeteria, library, gymnasium) maintain social distancing when possible.

Health and Safety

Masks/Face Coverings

Masks are critical to helping prevent the spread of COVID-19(Delta Variant) from an infected individual to others, particularly because many people who have COVID-19 are asymptomatic and do not realize they can spread the virus. Wearing a mask will help to protect those around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when masks are used along with other protective measures, including physical distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Masks must be worn by all students, staff, and visitors to the building at all times, except when eating or drinking, taking a “mask break” at an appropriate time and location, or if a staff member is alone in their own office or learning space. After lunch or the break, masks should be put back on.

Exceptions may be made for individuals who are impacted by a disability or other medical condition that makes it difficult or ill-advised to wear a mask. Families must provide masks/face coverings for their children to wear in school, however additional masks may be provided by the school as needed.

Handwashing and hand sanitizing stations

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important factors in staying healthy and preventing the transmission of communicable diseases to others. GLTS is following guidance from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health’s report, “Schools for Health: Risk Reduction Strategies for Reopening Schools” published in June 2020.

Handwashing should be done frequently throughout the day, but especially:

- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After being in a public place

- Before eating and/or preparing food
- Before touching your eyes or putting in contact lenses
- After using the toilet
- Before and after treating a cut or wound

All staff, students, and visitors should wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the building, as well as at the times referenced above.

Student/Family and Staff Procedures

All staff and students are requested to perform a daily wellness check before coming to school; this includes a review of the symptoms listed below.

If a student or staff member is sick with any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (when in combination with other symptoms)
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache (when in combination with other symptoms)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes like allergies)
- GI Symptoms: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and/or abdominal pain

Nurses'/Health Services Protocol

Students and staff will have access to necessary health services in a manner that allows for the separation of healthy individuals from those who are ill or present with symptoms potentially associated with COVID-19 or other infectious diseases. GLTS has identified a space to be utilized as a “sick area” where staff/students can be triaged and assessed for appropriate medical care. COVID-19 Testing options will be available at GLTS for those who are symptomatic, including Binax Now Rapid Testing. Additional COVID testing (PCR tests) may be available onsite in partnership with Greater Lawrence Family Health Center. Testing and/or GLFHC consent forms must be signed by a parent/caregiver prior to administration of a COVID test. GLTS will continue to explore available testing strategies, including those being offered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Cleaning Protocols

Custodial and maintenance staff will ensure the facility is properly cleaned, to meet Board of Health standards, each day. Daily, all classrooms and instructional spaces will be sprayed with a hospital-grade disinfectant mist. This cleaning will include desks and tabletops, countertops, chairs, light switches, and any other commonly touched surface. Common areas such as

bathrooms, hallways, cafeterias, office suites, etc. will also be cleaned daily using the disinfectant mist each night; these spaces will also be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Transportation and Parking:

Busing

- Busses will run at normal capacity
- Students must have a mask to board the bus, and it must remain worn until exiting the bus. If a student does not have a mask one will be provided.
- Students must sit facing forward during entire ride
- Assigned bus stops and routes will be provided on or about one week prior to the start of school. Requests for changes will not be allowed, with the exception of change in residence or other approved special circumstances through the Discipline Office
- School ID with bus # is required prior to boarding the bus

Student Drop-off/Pick-up

- Students will be dropped off the same as years past. Cars will circle the building in the regular pattern. Masks should be put on before exiting the automobile
- Pick-up will continue in front of the building. Drivers are encouraged to remain in their vehicles at all times. Social distancing measures are recommended when waiting for transportation and masks must be worn until students enter the vehicle

Student and Staff Parking

- Staff will park in designated parking which is located behind the building and alongside the trees of the pool/small gym area.
- Staff must register their car in the Discipline Office and obtain an orange hand tag for their car that must be displayed at all times.
- Staff will not be allowed to park outside of shops, in the visitor parking lot or in another location not specified for staff parking. Tickets will be given to cars that are parked in these areas.
- Students must have their car registered through the Discipline Office at the beginning of the school year and secure a parking permit.
- Students are allowed to park in the back parking lot along the right side of the lot facing the tennis courts.

Athletics:

In order to participate in athletics the following must be completed:

(1) Parents/guardians and athlete must register on FamilyID: [Fall Athletics Registration](#)
Parents/Guardians, please make sure that all information entered in FamilyID is accurate.
Also, please read the information on all our policies and agreements and contact the
Athletic Director if you have any questions

(2) Every student needs to have a current physical on file in the nurse's office. Each
physical is good for 13 months but once it expires you can not participate until a
new one is submitted.

Sports offered during each season:

**** Fall Season: Football, Cheerleading, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Golf, Cross Country & Girls Volleyball***

**** Winter Season: Swim, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Indoor Track, Wrestling & Cheerleading***

**** Spring Season: Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Boys Volleyball & Spring Track***

FALL Season - Official Start Dates:

Friday, August 20th - Football

Monday, August 23rd - Soccer, Volleyball, Cheering, Cross Country & Golf

(specific times/locations are posted on the GLTS website, Athletic Page: [Preseason Practice Schedule](#))

If you have any questions about the sports program, please contact Michael Nelson, Athletic Director at mnelson@glts.net or visit the school/athletic website page: [GLTS Athletics](#) or if you have any questions about registration/physicals please contact the Athletic Trainer, Nairi Melkonian at nmelkonian@glts.net

Student Activities:

- All clubs and activities will be in person and after school hours
- All students are encouraged to join and participate in all the activities GLTS has to offer
- Masks must be worn at all times during club meetings
- Advisors/Coaches/Students who participate in clubs/sports that have specific COVID protocols must adhere to their rules and regulations