



# Good Foundations Academy

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Dear GFA Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! It is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to Good Foundations Academy for another great year. We are extremely excited about the start of a new school year and the endless opportunities that await our school community.

Good Foundations Academy is fortunate to have dedicated, knowledgeable and nurturing staff who are already planning and preparing to educate students and serve families. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with laughter, energy, and an enthusiasm for learning.

**In preparation for the new school year, we have provided some important “need to know” information.**

## **Student Placement/Class Lists**

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2022-2023 school year. Classrooms have been balanced academically, socially, and according to individual learning styles. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. Thank you in advance for being positive with your child and helping him or her acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher!

Class lists will be **posted** on the windows located near the small playground on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## **Open House**

GFA's annual “Open House” is scheduled for Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come and meet your teacher, ask questions, drop off class supplies, participate in vision testing, and much more!

**Teachers will be given a 20-minute break during the open house event.** Please plan accordingly.

## **Scheduled Breaks**

Kindergarten:	10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
First Grade:	10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Second Grade:	10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Third Grade:	11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
Fourth Grade:	11:20 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Fifth Grade:	11:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sixth Grade:	12:00 p.m. - 12:20 p.m.

## The First Day of School

The first day of in-class learning is Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. School begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. All students must enter through the **front of the building** and go directly to their classroom. Doors open at 7:40 a.m. each morning. Please keep in mind that we will be following an early release schedule the first week of school. Students will be released at 1:00 p.m. Please see the guidelines for dropping off and picking up students.

## Back to School Night

Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and learn important information about your child's classroom experience. We will have a parent meeting in the gym from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please keep in mind that teachers will not be available to talk to parents before 6:30 p.m. or after 7:30 p.m. If you need additional time to meet with your child's teacher, we ask that you please set up a meeting for another time.

## Morning Drop Off Reminders

In an effort to maximize the safety of GFA students, and to minimize dangerous traffic congestion, we ask that all parents adhere to the morning drop-off and pick-up procedures:

- Morning drop-off begins at 7:40 a.m. Please make arrangements with a care provider like Next Generation, which is located behind GFA, if you need to drop off your student before 7:40 a.m.
- Please pull as far forward as you can before stopping your vehicle to let your student out of the car. If everyone pulls as far forward as they can before stopping, we can unload twice as many students in the same amount of time.
- Students should be ready to exit the car immediately to keep traffic flowing.
- Students should only exit the car door closest to the sidewalk.
- Please do not get out of your car. Please park your car in the parking lot if your child needs assistance.
- Please be responsible with timelines. Not only is this an essential skill for success, but it will also limit disruption caused by being late for school. The school day officially starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Please be aware of the cross walk while leaving the school parking lot. You must turn **RIGHT** out of the exit located closest to the crosswalk between GFA and Utah Military Academy.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we work through high volumes of traffic at the beginning of the year.

## Pickup Reminders

- For the safety of our students and staff, please drive **slowly** through the line. **There will be congestion during afternoon pickup.** Please be patient while our new families learn the procedure.

- Please do not use your cell phone while in the car line.
- Please be kind. We are a school of character and want to be examples. Aggressive and vulgar behavior will be addressed by GFA Administration.
- Each class within a grade level will stand together in a designated area. Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and kindergarten can be picked up in the front of the school in our drive through car lane at 3:05 p.m. This is the same car lane that we use during morning drop off. If you **DO NOT** have a student in grades 1-4, you may turn left to exit out of the car lane and prepare to leave the school. If you have a student in grades 1-4, you will turn right and continue to the back of the school. Students will be stationed in the following order in the back of the school: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and then Miss Becky's class. Maps will be available during our Open House event.
- We are asking that you avoid arriving early to the school and parking in the car line. You may be asked to move your car.
- If you are going to check your student out early, please park your car in the **parking lot** not in the drive through car lane before entering the school.
- If your child is going to walk to Target to be picked up, please notify his/her teacher of this arrangement.
- A.M. Kindergarten pick-up is located in the back of the school.

Thank you in advance for making Good Foundations Academy a safe, fun and exciting place to learn. Your commitment to ensuring that Good Foundations Academy remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as Director. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all students!

Sincerely,

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*"Aim High, Work Hard, Be Great!"*