



GALLUP-McKINLEY  
COUNTY SCHOOLS



*Empowering our Future*

## A word from Mike Hyatt, Superintendent



I want to welcome back our students, families, and staff to a new school year full of opportunity. We are eager to have students back in our classrooms for full-time, in-person learning and our online program. Months of planning and work goes in to preparing for a new school year and we appreciate our staff and our partners in helping GMCS to be ready for students on August 11, 2022.

As we engage in a new year of education, we have an opportunity to reignite our students' passion for learning in a multitude of ways. The GMCS School Board has helped this effort by laying the foundation and establishing our new strategic plan, "Elevate 2025", to help move all our students forward towards their future careers.

Some of the essential parts to Elevate 2025 and our plans for the school year is a focus on attendance, academic improvement, safety, career preparation and customer service. These themes of focus came from data and valuable input from parents, students and staff and we thank you for your honest reflection on ways GMCS can improve.

While we have had many things to celebrate in GMCS, we also need everyone helping to increase student attendance. We call on parents, staff, government, community, and all other stakeholders to help GMCS spread the message of the importance of students being in school. We as a community know the benefits and value our students receive when they are physically present and participating in the classroom.

Over this next school year, we look forward to continuing to help your students develop the skills they need to be confident and successful lifelong learners.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the school community we thank you for your continued support of Gallup-McKinley County Schools.

Let's make this year successful and exceptional!

Mike Hyatt  
Superintendent

## New Opportunities for the upcoming school year

Gallup-McKinley County Schools has an exciting 2022-2023 school year planned for students. In elementary, Common Core foundational standards will be emphasized in grades kindergarten through 2nd to help students develop stronger skills in processing the sounds they hear and say when learning to read. The goal is to promote grade-level reading skills before 3rd grade, a key indicator of students succeeding in their adult life.

Also, in elementary, 5th grade students will start exploring college, career, and civic readiness (CCCR) opportunities. Students, with their teachers, will explore their post-secondary options on a platform called Xello, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences to decide what interests them in life.

Middle schoolers will also be studying college, career, and civic opportunities each semester by taking semester long courses, each of which will showcase one of the pathway opportunities within their feeder high schools. Students will be guided through instruction that will help them find out what excites them in life so when going into high school, they will have a base of knowledge to pick a pathway which they will enjoy.

In high school, college, career, and civic readiness pathways are preparing students to consider working in the area's local businesses and industries. Every student will be taking a three-course sequence of classes in which they will explore a field of interest in depth. Core English, mathematics, science, and history classes will be designed to support learning about the student's CCCR interests. Many students will also be participating in internships, in which GMCS takes on the financial responsibility of students working with a local businesses and industry leader to gain life skills to be successful in any field of study.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

First Day of School - August 11th

**OPEN HOUSE**

Navajo Pine High - August 9th

Catherine A Miller Elementary - August 10th

Crownpoint Middle & High - August 10th

Del Norte Elementary - August 16th

Thoreau Elementary - August 16th

Navajo Elementary - August 17th