



## GLOBAL SCHOLARS ACADEMY

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Welcome to Global Scholars Academy!

We are thrilled you have chosen Global Scholars Academy (GSA) to partner with you in ensuring your child reaches their full potential. GSA is committed to academic rigor and delivering students who can compete in a global society. Our Core Values: Protection, Affection, Correction and Connection guide our teaching and programming efforts to develop the whole child.

Our goals for our students include delivering a high-quality education that is broad *and* deep and expands access to life-changing experiences. Our curriculum fosters curiosity and recognizes the importance of allowing students to connect the Common Core with real world experience. Our STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Math) focus prepares students to thrive in our dynamic global economy and our whole-child approach cultivates leadership skills and resilience-building behaviors so our young people ready to take on every opportunity to SOAR!

### As we prepare to kick off the school year there are a few important things to keep in mind:

- **Open House will be held virtually on July 11, 2020.** There, more information will be provided regarding uniforms, technology, and other key logistical matters supporting a virtual return to learning.
- **The first day of school is July 15, 2020.** Please note, if your child does not report to school by the morning of Friday, July 17, 2020, they will be de-rolled and lose their spot.
- **Uniforms** will be available for purchase at the school closer to the time we return to the building.

One of the biggest questions on parents' minds is whether we will return to school in person at the start of the academic year given the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the high likelihood of a second outbreak. In line with the latest update from the Governor, GSA will begin the school year with **100% Remote Learning**. We will send information regarding the schedule and instructions for logging into learning platforms soon. We expect additional State guidance over the next several months and will use that guidance to develop and revise plans that work for our students and families.

We will continue to face many challenges this year as we navigate the ever-changing restrictions and regulations associated with this pandemic. As changes become available, we will monitor and keep our GSA community, including parents, students, teachers, board members abreast of any new changes to our learning plan.

We are excited to start the new Virtual School Year and look forward to meeting and serving you in 2020-2021. Again, welcome to the GSA School Community where, together, we are determined to SOAR!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Pamela Baldwin  
Head of School

*"I do my best because I'm counting on you counting on me."* - Maya Angelou  
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