



Date=2  
inches  
from top

Date

3 return  
key  
strokes  
between  
date and  
Name

Name  
Title  
Company Name  
City, State Zip

Salutation:

2 return  
key  
strokes  
between  
City/State/  
Zip and  
Salutation

This letter outlines the format of general communications from Guilford County Schools. Please use it as a guideline when formatting your letters. The preferred typeface is Arial in 11-point type.

Please format your letters flush left. The date should appear two inches from the top. The name of the addressee should appear three return key strokes under the date and will include the addressee's name, title, company name, city, state and zip.

2 return  
key  
strokes  
between  
Salutation  
and body  
of the  
letter

The salutation should appear two return key strokes under the line containing the city, state and zip, and should be followed by a colon in formal letters and a comma in less formal communications.

Use two return key strokes between the salutation and the body of the letter and two return key strokes between paragraphs. Your sign-off phrase (Sincerely, Yours Truly, etc.) should appear flush left and two key strokes after your letter's concluding paragraph.

4 return  
key  
strokes  
between  
sign-off  
phrase  
and your  
name

Your name and title should appear four key strokes after your sign-off phrase. If you are writing on departmental letterhead, there is no need to include the name of your department. Conversely, if you are writing on letterhead that doesn't not include the name of your school or department, please include that under your title.

Sincerely,

Your Name  
Your Title  
Your School Name or Department Name (include if not listed on the letterhead)