

Following updated science as presented from the ABC Collaborative, and research from the Strong Schools Toolkit, the following safety protocols are in place for Band, Orchestra, Vocal Ensembles, Theater Arts, Dance, Visual Arts, Forensics, and Elementary Arts classes.

Band

- When indoors, multiple mitigation strategies will be used to minimize potential spread of COVID-19. Strategies include social distancing (3 ft for students), bell covers for instruments and instrument-specific slotted masks (recommended PPE has been delivered to schools). Indoor rehearsals may last for 45 minutes. At the end of the 45 minute rehearsal, students must move to an alternate location to allow for air recirculation (ABC collaborative presentation).
- When indoors, bands will be allowed to rehearse and perform in a slightly curved formation, facing the director.
- When outdoors, rehearsals may last for 60 minutes with a five minute break. Rehearsal time begins as soon as students begin playing instruments.
- Marching Band may travel for away games and competitions, following the same COVID-19 safety travel guidelines set by athletics. No overnight trips permitted at this time.
- When Marching Bands are outside practicing or performing, masks will not be required. When bands are inside or in the stands, students must sit socially distanced, masks must be worn, and bell covers utilized since students will be in close contact. Mask wearing and bell covers will reduce the risk of aerosol transmission.
- Seating charts for the classroom, stands at ballgames, and travel must be maintained at all times.

Orchestra

- Orchestra groups may rehearse in groups that do not exceed the social distancing capacity of the space (3 ft for students).
- All masking protocols will be followed.
- Orchestra groups will be allowed to rehearse and perform in a slightly curved formation, facing the director.
- Orchestra groups may travel for festivals and competitions. No overnight trips permitted at this time.
- Seating charts for the classroom and travel must be maintained at all times.

Vocal Ensembles

- Vocal Ensembles may rehearse in groups that do not exceed the social distancing capacity of the space (3 ft for students). They may rehearse 45 minutes indoors per space and up to 60 minutes outdoors with a five minute break. Rehearsal time begins as soon as students begin singing.
- All masking protocols will be followed.
- Vocal Ensembles will be allowed to rehearse and perform in a slightly curved formation, facing the director.
- Vocal Ensembles may travel for festivals and competitions. No overnight trips permitted at this time.
- Seating charts for the classroom and travel must be maintained at all times.

Theater Arts

- Theater Arts classes may rehearse in groups that do not exceed the social distancing capacity of the space (3 ft for students). They may rehearse 45 minutes indoors per space and up to 60 minutes outdoors with a five minute break. Rehearsal time begins as soon as students begin movement.
- All masking and social distancing protocols will be followed.
- Theater Arts groups may travel for festivals and competitions. No overnight trips permitted at this time.
- Seating charts for the classroom and travel must be maintained at all times.

Dance

- Dance teams/classes may rehearse in groups that do not exceed the social distancing capacity of the space (3 ft for students). They may rehearse 45 minutes indoors per space and up to 60 minutes outdoors with a five minute break. Rehearsal time begins as soon as students begin dancing.
- Dance students will be allowed to “dress out” for class. Utilizing dressing rooms or restrooms to change.
- All masking and social distancing protocols will be followed.
- Floors and/or barres must be sanitized between classes.
- Dance groups may travel for festivals and competitions. No overnight trips permitted at this time.
- Seating charts for the classroom and travel must be maintained at all times.

Visual Arts

- Visual Arts students must maintain at least 3-ft social distancing between students.
- All masking protocols will be followed.
- Students may not share common supplies.
- Seating charts for the classroom must be maintained at all times.

Forensics

- During Forensic practices students must maintain at least 3-ft social distancing between students.
- All masking protocols will be followed.
- Students may not share common supplies.
- Students may not face each other, but face the same direction when practicing.
- Seating charts for the classroom or practice areas and travel must be maintained at all times.

Elementary Arts Education Classes

- Classes may be conducted in the designated Arts classroom.
- Students must maintain at least 3-ft social distancing between students.
- All masking protocols will be followed.
- Students may not share common supplies.
- Performing groups will be allowed to rehearse and perform in a slightly curved formation, facing the director.
- Seating charts for the classroom must be maintained at all times.