



Social Distancing Protocol

- Social distancing, also called “physical distancing”, means maintaining 6 feet of space between individuals.
- Social distancing will be utilized in all school facilities and on school grounds.
- Student groupings will remain as static as possible by having the same group/cohort of students stay together throughout their school day.
- The size of groups/cohorts of students are determined by the number of students who can be in each classroom while maintaining 6 feet of physical distancing,
- Arrival and dismissal times are staggered to allow for physical distancing of students.
- Designated areas for student drop off and pick up are identified and number of entry points will be limited as much as possible.
- In-school movement will be reduced where possible by keeping the same students within a defined area or classroom and modifying class schedules or class transitions as follows:
 - Whenever possible, the same cohort of students will remain with the same teacher each day.
 - Curriculum extension teachers will go to individual classrooms when possible. Music and PE class will be held outside when possible and when not possible physical distancing guidelines of 6 feet or more between students will be maintained. Distance of 12 feet or more will be maintained for activities requiring the projection of voice (e.g. singing) or playing a wind instrument or aerobic activity.
 - Whenever social distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings must be worn.
 - Transitions in hallways follow one-way directional patterns when possible.
 - Limited restroom occupancy to allow for physical distancing.
- Student desks all face the same direction.
- When safe and applicable, windows and doors will be opened to improve ventilation.
- Individual student belongings are kept separately.
- Sharing of items and equipment is discouraged. However, if items must be shared, appropriate cleaning must be ensured between use of students. Hand washing after shared use of items/equipment must also occur.
- Alternate spaces (e.g. classrooms) will be used for eating lunch and breakfast, when possible. If not possible or alternate spaces are unavailable, classroom groups will stay together in lunchrooms while adhering to social distancing rules of 6 feet of space between individuals.
- Lockers/cubbies will be assigned by cohort.
- Elevator use is limited to one individual at a time unless the individual needs assistance. All individuals in such space will wear face coverings.
- Office spaces including faculty offices, administration offices, and the therapy rooms when used for meetings or sessions should only be used when 6 feet of physical distancing can be maintained. All individuals in such space will wear face coverings.