



Response to Recovery

WCSD Music Department

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Guidelines for Teaching Music with COVID-19 Modifications

Elementary Music

- **Music rooms:** Instruction should take place in the music room.
- **Music teachers:** Music teachers should be used to teach music.

Modifications to Instruction

Singing

- Face coverings are optional

Recorders

- Face coverings with slits cut in the middle for playing are optional.

Dancing

- Face coverings are optional

pBones (plastic trombones)

- Face Coverings with slits cut in the middle for playing are optional.
- Bell covers are optional
- Mouthpieces may NOT be shared. Students should sanitize hands before and after using a pbone.

Shared Materials

When using shared materials (percussion or string instruments), students must sanitize hands before and after use OR material must be sanitized between uses.

Elementary 6th grade Music Block (band/strings/choir)- 7 schools

- All 6th grade classes will resume regular block scheduling (band, choir/general, orchestra classes).
- See Band, Choir, and Orchestra guidelines below.

Band

- Band Rooms should be set up with 3 feet of space between chairs/stations whenever possible and chairs/stations should be set in rows facing the same way.

Modifications to Wind Instrument Playing

- Face Coverings with slits cut in the middle for playing are optional.
- Bell covers are optional.
- Spit valves must be emptied on an absorbent pad (Puppy Pads) or in a waste basket/trash can. Gloves must be worn when disposing of pads.
- Maintain 3 ft. of spacing whenever possible.
- Up to 50-minute blocks of playing with 10 minutes between playing blocks.

Shared Materials

When using shared materials (percussion or string instruments), students must sanitize hands before and after use or material must be sanitized between uses. It is recommended that percussionists have their own set of mallets and sticks.

Wind instrument sharing IS NOT allowed (ex: tuba players sharing the same tuba but using different mouthpieces).

Marching Band

Marching bands should follow all procedures outlined above

Choir

- Rooms should be set up with at least 3 feet of space between chairs whenever possible and chairs should be set in rows facing the same way.

Modifications to Instruction

- Face Coverings optional.
- Maintain 3 ft. of spacing whenever possible.
- Up to 50-minute blocks of singing with 10 minutes between singing blocks

Orchestra

- Rooms should be set up with at least 3 feet of space between chairs whenever possible and chairs should be set in rows facing the same way.

Modifications to Instruction

- When using shared materials (percussion or string instruments), students must sanitize hands before and after use or material must be sanitized between uses.
- Class can be run as normal otherwise.

Performances

- Seating charts for performers are optional.
- You are no longer required to track where audience members have been seated.
- Masks for performers and audience members are optional.