



COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures

Mask Requirements:

- ***Masks are to be worn throughout the day by all students and staff.*** Brief mask breaks should be provided throughout the day.
- Mask breaks should be offered for up to 5 minutes for every 60 minutes of wear.
- Mask breaks are to be offered when EVERYONE in the room is seated and socially distanced (six feet apart), including staff in the room. Mask breaks are NOT to occur on the bus or in the hallways.
- Once students are finished eating lunch and have dumped their tray they must put their mask back on for the remainder of the lunch period.
- Once students have finished eating their snack they must put their mask back on.
- **Masks MUST be worn over the mouth and nose.**
- Gaiters are not permitted. Students may wear them over an approved mask if they wish.

Social Distancing:

- Six feet of distance between individuals should be maintained as much as possible. **Masking DOES NOT excuse the need to socially distance.**
- Students can work in socially distanced pairs for **VERY BRIEF** periods of time (10 minutes or less) and they must be at least an arm length apart **AND** wear masks. Students should be given the choice of whether or not they are comfortable working with a partner for a brief period of time and *partner work should happen infrequently.*
- Students should remain in homeroom groups to the extent possible.
- Students should have their own sets of supplies and materials as often as possible.

Hand Hygiene- Students should wash/sanitize their hands when:

- Coming and going from special area classes
- Coming and going from any class/service outside of the classroom (resource room, AIS, speech, OT, PT, counseling)
- Before and after recess
- Anytime there is a need to use shared materials
- Before eating
- After touching their face or using a tissue

