



# Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan

## MAINTAINING A HEALTHY AND SAFE CAMPUS

### Face Masks

Face masks are not required on campus, as Arizona law prohibits public schools from requiring masks, but children and adults may wear a mask if desired. For everyone's safety, face masks are recommended, especially in times of high transmission rates. If a mask is worn, it may be solid in color or have small, happy prints.

### Sanitary Practices

Handwashing and the frequent use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged on campus. Students will practice proper respiratory etiquette, which includes properly covering sneezes and coughs and using and disposing of tissues.

New handwashing stations have been added to the campus. Hand sanitizer stations are positioned in every classroom and throughout the school. Signage is posted to promote safe and healthy practices.

### Cleaning Facilities

The campus is cleaned and sanitized throughout the day and in the evenings. Lunchrooms are cleaned between gatherings. Special attention is given to restrooms, common areas, and water fountains to ensure safety.

### Daily operations

While on campus, we will make every effort to keep students safeguarded. If your child is suspected of being sick or is in any way displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please self-isolate to keep our school population safe. Accommodations for children with disabilities will be made following federal guidelines.

We will use a touchless scanner to screen for temperatures at the beginning of each school day. Any student exhibiting any coronavirus-related symptoms will be sent to the nurse for evaluation. The school employs an experienced, licensed health professional who is on campus throughout the school day.

We will maintain social distancing to the extent possible and spread desks throughout the classrooms to try to minimize contact with others.

## ACTIONS TAKEN IN CASE OF POSITIVE TEST

If there is a confirmed COVID exposure in any class, we will notify parents, as we do for other contagious diseases such as strep throat or measles. We will limit quarantine to students who are known to have been in close contact with the affected student for an extended period of time. We will ensure that a student on quarantine will have daily assignments just like with other planned absences. Of course, we will follow mandates from State authorities regarding contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine as situations develop, to the extent allowed by Arizona law.

## **VACCINATIONS, TREATMENT, AND TESTING**

Vaccines for children 2 and older are expected to be available in the fall of 2021. The school will not provide, require, or ask about student vaccines. There are no school reporting requirements regarding COVID-19 vaccines. We will, however, provide information to parents regarding vaccine availability and locations for your convenience.

The school does not perform diagnostic or screening testing for COVID-19. Generally, families should contact their health care provider for information about vaccines, treatment, and testing. The Health Office is available to answer general questions and direct families to other appropriate resources.

## **SUPPORTING ACADEMIC, EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH ON CAMPUS**

The school is dedicated to providing a superior academic environment. Students will be thoroughly assessed at the beginning of the school year and at regular intervals to ensure that they are making the academic milestones necessary for lifelong success. If you have any concerns about your child's academic progress, please contact your child's teacher.

Social gatherings such as carnivals and concerts will resume this school year, unless there are unforeseen circumstances. Children will play freely on the playgrounds and the lunchroom will be open. Sports and clubs that meet before and after school will resume, as will child care programs.

Some families may have been impacted by recent events. If your family has experienced a hardship or you feel that your child needs extra support, please talk to your teacher. Our staff has been trained to assist with student needs, and we want to help support our families in any way possible.

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