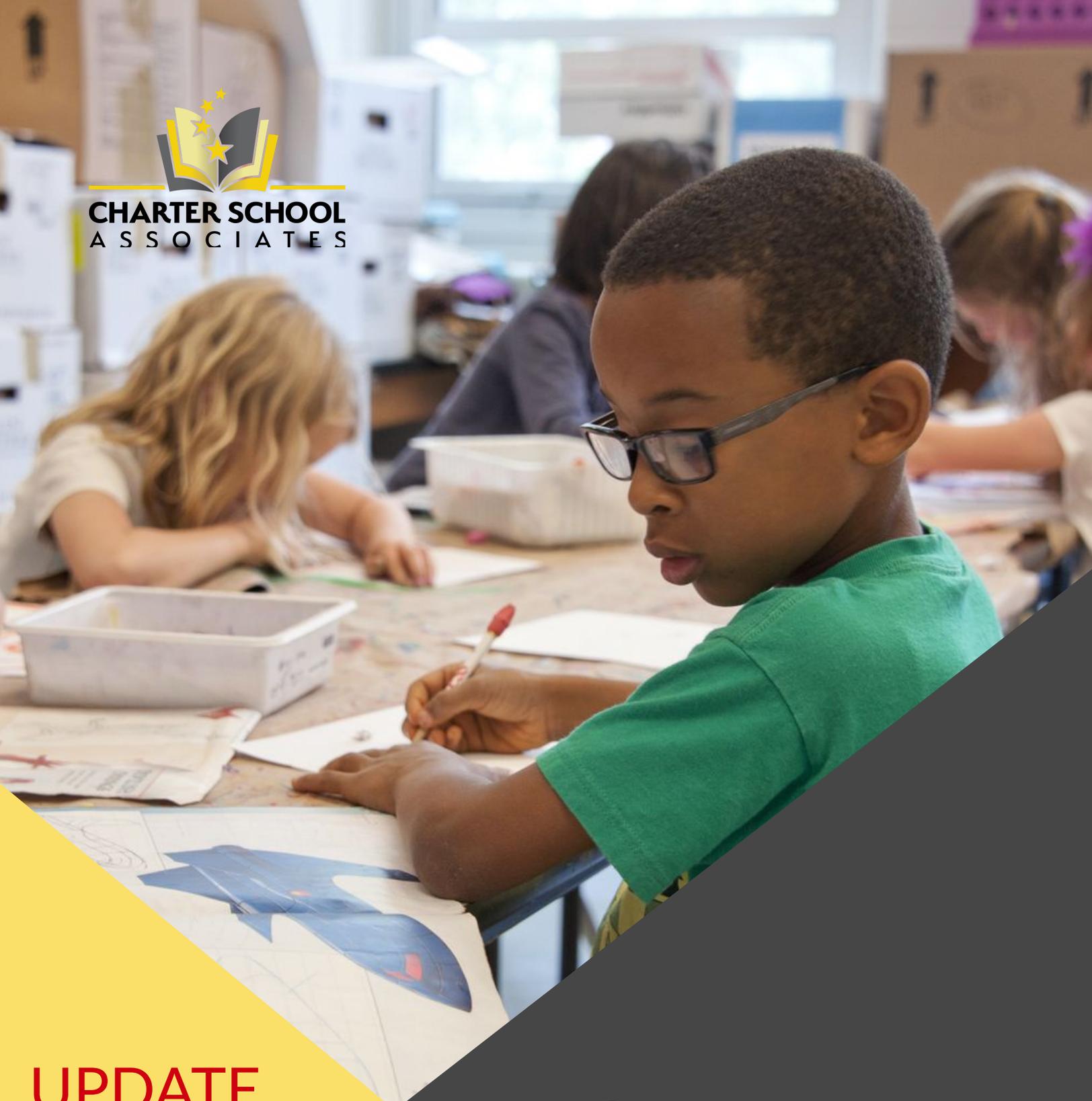




**CHARTER SCHOOL
ASSOCIATES**



UPDATE

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RISE 2021-22

Restarting *through* Innovative
Sustainable Education

INTRODUCTION

COVID-19 remains a very present reality as we prepare for the opening of the school year 2021-2022. While we will be opening schools with higher vaccination rates, we must continue to do our due diligence to ensure a safe learning environment for all the members of our school community.

The following guidance is an updated RISE plan and should be followed in lieu of last year's plan. The information found here is subject to change as local conditions and requirements change. Guidance is based on the best information available at the time of publication. Please contact your school's main office with any questions.

Instruction

In the event of an extended student absence due to quarantine, students will continue to be provided with the class assignments, resources, instructional guidance, and other necessary learning materials that they need to continue their progress towards content mastery remotely. While the instructional strategies and resources may vary, all classes will utilize Microsoft Teams as the primary tool to communicate this information with students and their families. This support will be available throughout the duration of the student's quarantine period.

Along with the continued instructional support during a student quarantine, teachers will also maintain flexible deadlines and provide additional conference opportunities to assist students with completing any make-up work that resulted from the absence. With the shared goal of continued student success and the addition of ancillary student supports we are confident that students will continue to thrive throughout the 2021-2022 school year and beyond.

Technology

- Students will continue to utilize Microsoft Teams and other innovative digital learning applications in the classroom.
- Schools are moving towards a 1:1 model to further integrate technology and innovation into the curriculum.

Mental Health

- Schools will actively monitor the social emotional needs of students and provide general support to all learners.
- Specific counseling services are available through in-person counselors as well as telehealth services.



Extra-Curricular Activities

- Extra-curricular, performing arts and athletic activities will resume to support student engagement and will follow district and/or organization (e.g. Florida High School Athletic Association-FHSAA) guidelines, and health and wellness protocols.
- Field studies will resume and follow the school review, permission, and health protocols. Any field study must follow the wellness practices of both the school and the field study destination.

Campus Visitors

- In-person parent-teacher and parent-administrator meetings will resume and, whenever possible, virtual options will also be made available to meet the needs of all stakeholders. (Masks Required)
- Opportunities for on-campus visitors and volunteers will return to pre-pandemic participation. All visitors and volunteers must follow school health and wellness practices and approval processes (e.g. check-in procedures, RAPTOR clearance, masking, etc.).
- Schools will review their drop-off and pick-up protocols and communicate any changes directly to families.



Health, Wellness, Safety

- Students may be required to wear masks or facial coverings by a local ordinance or rule. Per State order, parents must have the opportunity to opt-out of a face covering requirement in districts or counties where facial coverings are mandated. It is recommended that students and staff have a personal mask available.
- Staff at the school site may be required to wear masks indoor as per local ordinances.
- All school facilities will continue enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
- Mask guidelines are subject to change as conditions and local ordinances change.

- Social distancing practices, to the extent possible, will continue while also ensuring collaboration in classrooms and throughout all school facilities. Schools will use 3-6 feet as a guide for social distancing.
- Plexiglass as a mitigation strategy may be used sparingly to promote greater collaborative learning
- Water fountains in all school facilities will remain closed. Students will continue to be able to bring re-usable water bottles to school.



- Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should refrain from entering the school building. Symptoms include: fever or chills, fatigue, sore throat, cough, muscle or body aches, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath, headache, nausea or vomiting, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, and/or diarrhea.
- Seating charts for classrooms, lunchrooms and busses will continue to be required for the 2021-22 School Year and may be requested if there is a positive case at a school site to support contact tracing under the direction of the Department of Health.
- Schools will continue to maintain a separate space for individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Quarantine Procedures

- Schools will follow updated guidelines from the Florida Department of Health when determining quarantine procedures and contact tracing.
- Based on current CDC guidance, students and staff who are fully vaccinated will not need to quarantine in the event of an exposure to a positive COVID case unless they begin to experience symptoms.

