

# **Guidance for Arts Education and Student Activities Addendum to Parkland School District Health and Safety Plan 2021-2022**

Parkland School District believes it is essential to the physical, social, emotional and mental well-being of K-12 students that they return to regular, in person arts and co-curricular activities as soon as it is deemed safe. The advisory organizations of NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) and NAFME (National Association for Music Education) endorse the return to music and art activities utilizing certain mitigation practices as incorporated below.

## **Social Distancing and Arts Instruction**

If social distancing continues to be a part of the return to school across all grade levels and content areas, Parkland School District will follow the recommendation of the agency that governs these decisions. If that should become an issue, then the District will revisit the practices of the past school year.

District music auditions, dance recitals and other events can be held at Parkland High School this year.

## **Specific Guidelines by Level and Genre**

### **Visual Art**

#### **Elementary**

- All shared classroom supplies will be disinfected after each use.
- A list of necessary additional supplies will be provided to parents.
- Social distance requirements per the District's Health and Safety Plan must be met.
- Hand washing/sanitizing at the beginning is required.

#### **Middle and High Schools**

- All shared classroom supplies will be disinfected after each use.
  - A list of necessary additional supplies will be provided to parents.
  - Social distance requirements per the District's Health and Safety Plan must be met.
  - Hand washing/sanitizing at the beginning is required.
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## **Performing Arts**

### **General Safety Guidelines for Face to Face Music Instruction**

The following general safety guidelines must be adhered to for all music educators.

#### **Instrument Hygiene:**

- When instruments need to be shared, proper and thorough cleaning should occur between each use. Sharing is permitted if the instrument is school property and the music teacher is responsible for the cleaning.
- Percussion students must not share mallets without properly disinfecting the handles prior to and after each use. District to provide disinfectant for this purpose.

#### **Music Classroom/Ensemble Classroom:**

- Group or ensemble singing will follow current guidelines of masking, social distancing, and air turnover, if any. ( currently there are no mitigations)
- Use larger facilities as available; measure and pre-set these spaces as well.
- A system for students to enter the classroom, obtain their instrument from the storage area and return to their seat will be established, adhering to proper social distancing.

#### **Equipment and supplies will need to be expanded:**

- Each student shall utilize one music stand.
- Students must not share sheet music. Additional sheet music will be provided.

#### **School Performances:**

- The goal is to return to a system of concerts and performances that will allow for the public to view the performance live in the auditoriums.

## Scheduling of Music

### Number of Students/Session:

- All ensembles will return to full class sizes, with the exception of any students that choose 100% online education.
- Classes will return to the system used prior to 2020/2021. That would have the groups consisting of 9th and 10th grade students and a group consisting of 11th and 12th grade students.
- Small music groups can meet in many different areas in and outside of the school building if facilities space is limited.

## ELEMENTARY

### General/Vocal Music

- Ensure social distancing is maintained between students following the District's current guidelines.
- When teaching the use of the recorder, each student must have their own instrument. Recorders must not be kept in a common storage area in the classroom. Recorders must be transported to and from school by the student. Recorders may be played in classrooms.
- Group or ensemble singing must follow current guidelines of masking, social distancing as per the District's guidelines.
- General music teachers will disinfect and sanitize any shared items, such as rhythm sticks and mallets, prior to and after each use.

### Instrumental Music

- Ensure social distancing is maintained between students following the District's rulings.
- Provide hand sanitizer on site. Students and teachers should use hand sanitizer before and after each instrument lesson. Encourage students to provide their own hand sanitizer to help get into the practice of bringing sanitizer to class.
- Wind instruments can be played indoors with the following rules:
  1. Wind instruments must have a "bell cover" that serves as a mask on their instrument.
  2. All students must remain as far apart as possible and all students must be facing the same direction.
  3. Teachers will be encouraged to open outside doors or windows for extra ventilation.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Vocal Music

- Choral instruction will be held during marking periods 2 and 5. Middle schools will utilize the auditorium to stage students.
- All chorus groups will follow the rules that will be established by the District.

- Chorus classes will be allowed to sing indoors with the following prerequisites:
  1. All students will face the same direction while singing.
  2. Teachers will be encouraged to open outside doors or windows for extra ventilation.

### Instrumental Music

- Instrumental instruction will follow the same procedure as Vocal Music during marking periods 2 and 5.
- Individual lessons will resume at the start of the school year.
- Strings players must follow current guidelines of masking, social distancing as per the District's rule.
- Band can practice outdoors when possible.
- Band classes will be allowed to play indoors with the following conditions:
  1. Wind instruments must have a “bell cover” that serves as a mask on their instrument.
  2. All students must remain as far apart as possible and all students must be facing the same direction.
  3. Teachers will be encouraged to open outside doors or windows for extra ventilation.

### General Music

- General music will continue to be offered and will be taught by existing music faculty.
- General music will also be offered on an e-learning platform.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Vocal Music

- Chorus class schedules will return to 9th/10th, 11th/12th and women’s ensemble.
- Chorus classes will be allowed to sing indoors with the following prerequisites:
  1. Chorus must follow current guidelines of masking, social distancing as per the District's rule.
  2. Teachers will be encouraged to open outside doors or windows for extra ventilation.

### Instrumental Music

### Music Classes

- Music classes will adhere to social distancing guidelines established by the District.
- Music Lab will be rearranged to accommodate Keyboard classes and Music Production Classes.

### Theatre Classes

- Classes must follow current guidelines of masking, social distancing as per the District's rule.
- The auditorium seating and stage are available when more space is needed.

- There will be no sharing of exercise mats.

## Co-Curricular

### Theatrical Productions

- Productions will be performed with a live audience. The number of audience members allowed will be determined by the District.
- Social distancing must be utilized per district guidelines.

### Dance Team

- Dance teams must follow current guidelines of masking, social distancing as per the District's rule.
- Dance teams will utilize multiple spaces at Troxell to maintain proper social distancing.
- Dance teams will perform at basketball games if approved by the Athletic Director and Arts Director.

### Club and Student Activities

- Recurring club and student activity meetings will resume as in-person at the start of the school year and will be conducted under the guidelines and recommendations set forth by the District.
- All fundraisers must be approved by the Assistant Principal in charge of Student Activities.
- All club/student activity requests for school wide events must be approved by Administration and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Guest speakers will be allowed to present in person or via virtual presentation to Club/Student Activity members.