



**The Mission of the Dunklin R-5 School District:**

Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow

**The Vision of the Dunklin R-5 School District:**

Dunklin R-5 School District will demonstrate excellence in leadership, the development of character, and achievement for ALL students.

**The Core Values of the Dunklin R-5 School District:**

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Perseverance

# COVID-19 Response for the 2022-2023 School Year

**This Document is Subject to change as more information  
regarding COVID-19 is made available.**

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## Introduction

The plan and procedures listed below will be periodically reviewed and revised when necessary. Updates will be provided to the community via letters, social media, and public Board of Education meetings throughout the school year.

Our schools are designed to educate students through social, face-to-face interactions, in relatively close spaces and in large groups. The benefits of this approach to education are well accepted.

Our primary goal is to keep kids in the classroom as much as possible while maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff.

Data over the course of the introduction of virtual education has clearly shown us the overwhelming benefits to in-person instruction. Therefore, there will be a process for any student who chooses to apply to attend courses virtually within our district.

### **MOCAP Virtual Courses**

Students and families that are interested in virtual coursework should contact the student's school counselor and inquire about the Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP). MOCAP offers virtual online courses for students statewide. Students can take an entire course from any Internet-connected computer, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. MOCAP's mission is to offer Missouri students equal access to a wide range of high-quality courses and interactive online learning that is neither time nor place dependent. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the State Board of Education oversee administration and quality assurance activities such as related content and delivery of courses. Missouri-certified teachers facilitate MOCAP courses. MOCAP provides Missouri students with equal access to a wide range of coursework, anywhere, any time. For more information, visit the MOCAP website at [mocap.mo.gov](http://mocap.mo.gov).

## **General Guidelines**

The Dunklin R-5 School District is offering the following guidance based on local leadership decisions, which have been derived from guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This is a “working document” and is subject to change, as new information is obtained and regulations evolve at local and regional levels.

It is important to note that while the District will make every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, **there are inherent risks** with participation in group activities during this time. Therefore, the District cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed to the virus or those who may have been affected; but the District will continue to prioritize the safety of your child. We have come a long way since our first case in March of 2020. Our community is stronger, and safer because of what we have learned.

### **Staff**

#### **The District will:**

Ask staff not to report to work should they have any symptoms of COVID-19.

To maximize protection from the COVID 19 virus and prevent possibly spreading it to others.

### **When Someone Is Sick**

Encourage staff and students to stay home when they are feeling ill. This message will continually be communicated to staff, parents, and students.

### **Facial Coverings**

#### **How to use a mask to protect yourself from COVID-19**

#### **The District will:**

- ✓ Make masks optional as of February 16, 2022
- ✓ Remove any student from the classroom who exhibits symptoms of COVID 19.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Board of Education, will make modifications to the District's 2022-2023 COVID Response Plan, which promotes the safety of all employees and students. Changes to the plan will be considered based on the totality of the metrics monitored by the District. Those metrics include positive student cases, student transmission rate within our schools, community transmissions, and CDC guidance.

As of February 16, 2022 the Dunklin R-5 will be a mask optional school district, as everyone who has wanted to be vaccinated has had the opportunity to do so. In addition the Dunklin R-5 School District will be following our Board Policy EBB in regards to communicable diseases.

### Continuity of Services

The Dunklin R-5 School District students have had access to fully in-person learning, five days per week since the fall of 2020. During the 2022-2023 school year, should there be any interruptions of in-person learning, the District will provide for the academic needs for students in the following manner:

- Hardware: Dunklin R-5 students in grades 6-12 are issued a Chromebook. In grades K-5 Chromebooks are available for checkout to be used at home during an unexpected school closure
- Internet Access: Dunklin R-5 students who do not have access at home have already been given or will receive a HotSpot device free of charge for internet access.
- Learning Management System: All students in K-12 will use the Google Platform including Google Classroom for lesson delivery and communication between school and home.
- Software Applications: Dunklin R-5 students will have access to any necessary applications necessary to deliver the learning goals of the lesson. Teachers may also use the Google Meet platform for classroom discussions, meetings, etc.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation of our students, staff, and community as we continue to educate today for a better tomorrow.