

Liberty Charter School

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1701C

COVID-19 Emergency Policies

Governance and Management Rights

In the event that the Administrator must take measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and community members, action may be taken without immediate Board approval. Such action must be ratified or overturned by the Board within ten working days.

Cross Reference: 1300 Charter School Policy

Adopted on: 2020.09.10

Liberty Charter School

STUDENTS

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Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations During Public Health Emergency

Healthy Hand Hygiene Behavior

All students will engage in hand hygiene at times including, but not limited to, the following

1. Arrival at the facility and after breaks;
2. Before and after preparing, eating, or handling food and drinks;
3. Before and after administering medication or undergoing a health screening;
4. After coming in contact with bodily fluid;
5. After recess;
6. After handling garbage; and
7. After use of the restroom.

Hand hygiene includes, but is not limited to, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available.

Health Screenings

The Board may arrange each year for health services to be provided to all students. Such services may include, but are not be limited to:

1. The development of procedures at each building for the isolation and temporary care of students who become ill during the school day;
2. The consulting services of a qualified specialist for staff, students, and parents;
3. Vision and hearing screening;
4. Scoliosis screening; and
5. Immunization as provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Parents/guardians will receive a written notice of any screening result which indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress.

In general, the Charter School will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental consent to do so or by court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question. Further, parents will be notified of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening administered by the Charter School is conducted which is:

1. Required as a condition of attendance;
2. Administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and

3. Not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or other students.

Parents or eligible students will be given the opportunity to opt out of the above-described non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening.

As used in this policy, the term “invasive physical examination” means any medical examination involving the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but this does not include a hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening.

Students who wish to participate in certain extracurricular activities may be required to submit to a physical examination to verify their ability to participate in the activity. Students participating in activities governed by the Idaho High School Activities Association will be required to follow the rules of that organization, as well as other applicable Charter School policies, rules, and regulations.

All parents will be notified of the requirements of the Charter School’s policy on physical examinations and screening of students, at least annually at the beginning of the school year and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in the policy.

Legal References:	20 U.S.C. § 1232h(b)	Protection of Pupil Rights - Limits on Survey, Analysis, or Evaluations
	IDAPA 08.02.03.160	Safe Environment and Discipline

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Applicability of Emergency Policy Series

Upon temporary adoption by the Board, the provisions in the COVID-19 related emergency policies and procedures shall come into effect. These policies and procedures shall remain in effect until suspended by the Board. Any policy or procedure whose number ends with “C” shall supersede the policy or procedure with a number that is otherwise identical. These emergency policies and procedures shall govern in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between an emergency policy and other provision in the Charter School policy manual. All other aspects of the Charter School’s policy manual not affected by the provisions in the emergency section shall continue to be in full effect.

Adoption and Amendment of Policies

New or revised policies that are required or have language changes based on practices required by State or Federal law or directive, required by administrative rule, or are required due to a declaration of emergency issued by the Board of Trustees or by a state or federal agency official or legislative body may be adopted after the first reading if notice has been given through the Board agenda provided to the Trustees and the public. All new or amended policies adopted as a part of the emergency policy series shall become effective immediately upon adoption’ unless a specific effective date is stated in the motion for adoption.

Cross Reference:	1300	Charter School Policy
Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-313	Trustee Zones
	I.C. § 33-501	Board of Trustees
	I.C. § 74-202	Open Public Meetings – Definitions

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Physical Activity Opportunities and Physical Education (PE) During Health Emergency

Daily Physical Education (PE) K-12

All students in grades K-12, including students with disabilities, special healthcare needs, and those in alternative educational settings, will receive daily physical education (PE) (or its equivalent) for the entire school year. The Charter School shall strive to provide an amount of PE instruction consistent with the NASPE recommendations, to the extent feasible. Student involvement in other activities involving physical activity, such as interscholastic or intramural sports, will not be substituted for meeting the PE requirement. Students will spend at least 50 percent of PE class time participating in moderate to vigorous physical activity.

The Administrator or his or her designee shall review all Charter School PE courses to ensure all appropriate health and safety measures, such as physical distancing and frequent sanitizing of touched items, are observed.

Integrating Physical Activity into the Classroom Setting

For students to receive the nationally-recommended amount of daily physical activity, at least 60 minutes per day, and for students to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior, students need opportunities for physical activity beyond PE class. Toward that end:

1. Health education will complement PE by reinforcing the knowledge and self-management skills needed to maintain a physically-active lifestyle and to reduce time spent on sedentary activities, such as watching television;
2. Opportunities for physical activity will be incorporated into other subject lessons; and
3. Classroom teachers will provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate

The Administrator shall direct teachers to include frequent breaks for movement and exercise in lessons taught remotely.

Daily Recess

All elementary school students attending school in person will have periods of supervised recess, preferably outdoors, during which schools should encourage moderate to vigorous physical activity verbally and through the provision of space and equipment.

Students will be monitored to ensure compliance with physical distancing requirements as well as any other rules.

The Administrator may declare playground equipment off-limits due to pandemic-related safety concerns. Any playground equipment which is in use shall be sanitized frequently.

Schools should discourage extended periods (i.e., periods of two or more hours) of inactivity. When activities such as mandatory school-wide testing make it necessary for students to remain indoors for long periods of time, schools should give students periodic breaks during which they will be encouraged to stand and be moderately active.

Students shall be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after recess.

Physical Activity and Punishment

Teachers and other school and community personnel will not use physical activity, such as running laps or push-ups, as punishment.

Cross Reference: 8200

Local School Wellness

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512
IDAPA 08.02.03.104

Governance of Schools
Other Required Instruction

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STUDENTS

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Attendance Policy During Health Emergency

The Board of Directors authorizes the Administrator or designee to set an attendance policy for students that takes into account the location of instructional services, the applicability of proficiency-based instruction, the student's grade level, and the health and safety of the student and their household. Students are expected to complete assigned work. If a student is not present for the instructional day, the student shall be permitted to complete all work assigned by the teacher within a reasonable period of time determined by the teacher. Students shall not lose credit or incur a grade reduction for reasons related to attendance without good reason as determined by the Board.

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NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

3520C

Contagious or Infectious Diseases During Health Emergency

Symptoms of Illness

Students who are ill, feeling ill, diagnosed as ill, or otherwise demonstrating symptoms of illness must not come to school.

Students who have a fever or exhibit other signs of illness while at school must be isolated in a designated area until such time as the student's parent/guardian may arrive at the school to retrieve the ill student. To the best of the District's ability, all surfaces and areas touched by the student should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected by a designated staff once the student has vacated the area. Students may engage in alternative delivery of education services during the period of illness or be permitted to make up work in accordance with Policy 3050.

Parents/guardians or caregivers of students who are ill, feeling ill, diagnosed as ill, or otherwise demonstrating symptoms of illness must not be present at the school for any reason including but not limited to gatherings or to drop off or pick up students except as provided by this policy. To avoid exposing others to illness, parents/guardians who are ill must make arrangements with others to transport students to school events, if at all practicable. If not practicable, parents/guardians must not leave their vehicle during pickup or drop off and must arrange with the District staff to accompany the student to the vehicle in accordance with physical distancing guidelines.

Student Arrival

Hand hygiene stations will be available at the entrance of any school building, so that children can clean their hands before they enter. If a sink with soap and water is not available, the District will provide hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizer will be kept out of elementary students' reach and student use will be supervised by staff.

A District employee will greet children outside the school as they arrive to ensure orderly compliance with the provisions of this policy.

Non-Invasive Daily Health Screening

Designated staff are authorized to test the temperature of students with an approved no-contact or touchless temperature reader. Such temperature checks shall be conducted in a manner that ensures privacy and ensures only those with a need to know are informed if a student has a fever. Students who have a fever or are exhibiting other signs of illness must be isolated in a designated area until such time as a parent or caregiver may arrive at the school to retrieve the student. To the best of the District's ability, all surfaces and areas touched by the student should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected by a designated staff member once the student has vacated

the area. Such sanitizing should be carried out by staff utilizing safety measures in accordance with state and/or local health standards as applicable.

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The District is required to provide educational services to all school age children who reside within its boundaries. Attendance at school may be denied to any child diagnosed as having a contagious or infectious disease that could make the child's attendance harmful to the welfare of other students. In the instance of diseases causing suppressed immunity, attendance may be denied to a child with suppressed immunity, in order to protect the welfare of the child with suppressed immunity when others in the school have an infectious disease which, although not normally life threatening, could be life threatening to the child with suppressed immunity.

The Board recognizes that communicable diseases that may afflict students range from common childhood diseases, acute and short-term in nature, to chronic, life-threatening diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. The District shall rely on the advice of the public health and medical communities in assessing the risk of transmission of various communicable diseases to determine how best to protect the health of both students and staff.

Management of common communicable diseases will be in accordance with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare guidelines and communicable diseases control rules.

Students who complain of illness at school may be referred to the school nurse or other responsible person designated by the Board and may be sent home as soon as the parent or person designated on the student's emergency medical authorization form comes to retrieve them.

The District reserves the right to require a statement from the student's primary care provider authorizing the student's return to school. In all proceedings related to this policy, the District shall respect the student's right to privacy.

When information is received by a staff member or volunteer that a student is afflicted with a serious communicable disease, the staff member or volunteer shall promptly notify the school nurse or other responsible person designated by the Board to determine appropriate measures to protect student and staff health and safety. The school nurse or other responsible person designated by the Board, after consultation with and on the advice of public health officials, shall determine which additional staff members, if any, have need to know of the affected student's condition.

Only those persons with direct responsibility for the care of the student or for determining appropriate educational accommodation will be informed of the specific nature of the condition, if it is determined there is a need for such individuals to know this information.

Parents of other children attending the school may be notified that their child has been exposed to a communicable disease without identifying the particular student who has the disease.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512 District Trustees - Governance of Schools

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PERSONNEL

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Prevention of Disease Transmission During Health Emergency

All Charter School personnel shall be advised of routine procedures to follow in handling body fluids. These procedures shall provide simple and effective precautions against transmission of diseases to persons exposed to the blood or body fluids of another. These procedures shall be standard health and safety practices. No distinction shall be made between body fluids from individuals with a known disease or infection and from individuals without symptoms or with an undiagnosed disease.

The administration shall develop, in consultation with public health and medical personnel, procedures to be followed by all staff. The procedures shall be distributed to all staff, and training on the procedures shall occur on a regular basis. Training and appropriate supplies shall be available to all personnel, including those involved in transportation and custodial services.

Healthy Hand Hygiene Behavior

All staff will engage in hand hygiene at times including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Arrival to the facility and after breaks;
2. Before and after preparing, eating, or handling food and drinks;
3. Before and after administering medication or undergoing health screenings;
4. After coming in contact with bodily fluid;
5. After recess;
6. After handling garbage ;
7. After use of the restroom; and
8. After assisting students with handwashing.

Hand hygiene includes but is not limited to washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based sanitizers containing at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available.

Masks as Personal Protective Equipment

The Charter School requires all staff to wear masks or other appropriate face coverings that shield the mouth and nose to protect colleagues, peers, and pupils while present in any school building. The Charter School shall provide masks or appropriate face coverings to staff and expect the masks be washed on a regular basis to ensure maximum protection. The Board's decision to require and provide facial coverings is based on a review of circumstances in the community and consultation with local health officials on issues including but not limited to the possibility of exposure and availability of facial coverings.

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