Instrumental Music Department

Return to Campus Plan

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I. **Key Principles**

- The Instrumental Music Department will follow all recommendations from Denison ISD regarding Virus Prevention Strategies, Virus Response Protocols, and Virus Mitigation Tactics
- The Instrumental Music Department will follow the recommendations of the University Scholastic League and Texas Music Educators Association
- In addition to the Health and Hygiene practices required by DISD, music classes will also implement the following practices:
  - Utilizing absorbent pads to collect moisture and condensation from the brass instruments (to be thrown away at the end of each class)
  - Utilizing bell covers as appropriate to reduce aerosol spread when playing a wind instrument
  - Students will wear face coverings when not actively playing a wind instrument
  - Students will wear a modified face covering when possible while playing a wind instrument (grades 7-12)
  - Staff will refrain from touching a student’s instrument unless wearing appropriate PPE
- Social Distancing Practices will be applied during music classes in the following ways:
  - Rehearsal spaces will be utilized at 50% capacity in order to maintain social distancing
  - Rehearsals will be conducted outside when possible
  - Students will stay six feet apart when not playing a wind instrument, and ten feet apart when playing a wind instrument
  - Rehearsals will emphasize small groupings
- Routine and enhanced cleaning and sanitation measures will be implemented for rehearsal spaces and band equipment such as music stands and chairs
  - Students will be encouraged to bring their own collapsible music stand to use in music classes to reduce shared equipment
  - Students will not share any musical instruments or accessories
  - In the event that a student needs to borrow any school-owned equipment, such as a mouthpiece, etc. it will be cleaned prior to being given to a student
  - Shared percussion equipment, such as mallets, will be cleaned after each rehearsal. Students will not share such equipment within a rehearsal
II. Instructional Models

- Students will be allowed to participate in all UIL activities, such as band, regardless of the instructional model they choose
  - Students who participate in band activities before and after school may attend those rehearsals whether utilizing In-Person or At-Home Learning
  - This includes before and after school sectionals and full band rehearsals
- Students at Denison High School are also able to attend their extracurricular classes (such as band) in person whether utilizing In-Person or At-Home Learning
  - These students will enter the campus through the front entrance, similar to those students who have Late Arrival
  - Once their extracurricular class is over, students are expected to log in to their virtual class on time (as with any other class)
  - Students at Denison High School will have synchronous online learning in the event that they opt for an entirely At-Home Learning experience

III. Performances

- Performances will be live streamed whenever possible. No in-person audiences are permitted for indoor performances at this time.
- Touch of Gold Marching Band performances at football games will be conducted in accordance with the UIL guidelines
  - The band section must be located at least ten feet away from spectators and fans
  - Band members will maintain a ten-foot social distancing in the stands by skipping rows, etc.
  - Students will provide their own transportation to and from home games
  - The Touch of Gold Marching Band will not participate in away game performances at this time
  - Contests, parades, and other performances will be evaluated on a case by case basis with the most recent information and local recommendations