

Bay Middle School



COVID-19 Protocols for Instrumental Music 2020-2021



I. Goal

The goal of this program is to provide students with a safe opportunity to receive a high-quality musical and educational experience.

II. Protocols for COVID-19

Following are some protocols to help ensure the safest environment possible for students to learn music when we have an in-person setting. If the school switches to remote learning, we will adapt to a virtual curriculum based on school guidelines:

- **Follow All Current Protocols:**
 - Students are expected to follow all school rules and procedures, as well as all current best health practices. Students will wear masks at all times unless instructed to remove them, or if necessary, to play an instrument. Students will also be expected to remain physically distanced and follow social distancing guidelines at all times.
- **Class Size:**
 - Class sizes will be determined by the “pods” students are assigned to for all of their classes. Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed while students are in the class, and students will be able to keep materials in their socially distanced area during class.
- **Wearing Masks:**
 - Directors and Students will be expected to wear a mask at all times except when they are performing on a wind instrument. Students who play percussion and string instruments will be expected to wear a mask at all times.
- **Instrument/Equipment Cleaning:** Students will be expected to sanitize their area and all equipment including stand, chair, and floor at the end of class similar to the procedure in all classes. Percussion students will be expected to provide their own sticks and mallets. However, all shared percussion and string instruments and equipment will be sanitized between student uses. Wind instruments will not be shared between students. The product Sterisol Germicide Solution (for non-wood instruments) will be available as will cleaning products made available by the school system to clean equipment. Please see Instrument Cleaning guidelines at the following links:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14Q4oQEntKDIexGCjuPC3foT9mHsUB736/view?usp=sharing> (Band Instruments)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qam4x1159n0> (String Instruments)
- **Condensation Collection:**
 - Students will clean any condensation that is released in rehearsal during their end of class cleaning procedures with provided cleaning supplies.

- **Hand Sanitizing/Washing:**
 - Students will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands regularly, following all school procedures.

- **Instrument Storage:**
 - The music locker rooms will be used for large, school-owned instruments, and the locker rooms will utilize a “one-way” traffic pattern. Students who play smaller instruments (Ex. flutes, clarinets, oboe, violin, viola, percussion equipment (sticks & mallets)) will be asked to keep their instruments with them throughout the day. Larger, personal instruments will be kept in the cafeteria along the walls and stage on the day a student has music class. Students may drop-off instruments at the beginning of the school day and pick-up instruments at the end of the school day from designated locations. Students with instruments for drop-off should enter and exit the building through the main office entrance. Instruments need to be taken home when students do not have music class. Instruments are not to be stored at the school. Students will follow a “one-way” traffic pattern to drop-off and pick-up instruments in the cafeteria. (Students will enter the cafeteria from the main hallway, turn right, and follow the inside wall of the cafeteria, and go by the stage. They will circle the cafeteria when picking-up instruments at the end of the day. Following music classes, students will drop-off instruments along the window wall of the cafeteria. It is extremely important that students clearly label their instruments with their full names.

- **Music:**
 - Students will be asked to provide their own music books, as they have done in the past. Sheet music will be provided to students when applicable. Students will receive one copy of the music to keep in a binder. Sheet music will also be made available on Google Classroom. Students may not share with other students. Each student will have his/her own music stand.

III. Class Procedures:

- **Instrument Storage:**
 - See protocols above for information about instrument drop-off and pick-up
- **Entering the Classroom:**
 - Students should be wearing masks at all times.
 - Students will pick-up their instruments or bring them with them, and enter the classroom from the appropriate door, based on their instrument storage location
 - Students will be assigned seats and will be socially distanced following all current social distancing guidelines
 - Students should keep their instruments in their cases, and take them to their assigned seats.
 - Once students are at their seats, they will take out their instruments and music, and prepare for class.

- **Rehearsal:**
 - Students who play wind instruments may remove their masks to perform in class.
 - Students must have their own supplies for class. These include, but are not limited to; instrument, sticks, mallets, supplies to make the instrument work (valve oil, reeds, etc.), music, pencil, and computer.
 - Movement around the room is to be limited. Directors that need to move around the room may do so, and return as expediently as possible.
 - Students using district percussion equipment must sanitize it after each use.
 - Masks are to be worn at all times, other than when playing a wind instrument.
 - Students needing to use the restroom, see the nurse, etc. will do so on a limited basis according to the school-wide policies.
 - At the end of class, students will put their instruments into their cases at their assigned location in class. They will then sanitize all equipment including, the chair, stand, and floor in their area prior to leaving class.
- **Exiting the Classroom:**
 - Students should be wearing masks at all times.
 - Students will drop-off their instruments at the designated locations as noted above in the protocols, or they will keep smaller instruments with them.
 - Students will exit the classroom from the appropriate door, based on their instrument storage location