
MIDWAY BAND

COVID-19 MITIGATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Entry/Exit

- When possible, students will enter and exit through different access points to avoid congregating and/or crossing paths in close proximity.
- For intermediate school students in homogenous classes, students will have lockers/cubbies interspersed throughout the classroom to avoid congestion in one area.
- Students will be distanced throughout the room as space and class size allows.
- When possible, students will be released in small groups/sections to avoid congregating.

Mask/Face Coverings

- Students will wear masks or face coverings while entering and exiting the room or not in their assigned seat. Directors will wear masks or face coverings (with the optional addition of face shields) before, during and after each class.
- Depending on class sizes and space allotment, mask policy will be followed according to the physical distance between students.
 - ❖ Percussionists will be expected to wear a mask or face covering at all times.
 - ❖ Wind players that are spaced 7.5ft or more apart will not be required to wear a mask or face covering during the rehearsal or practice. If a student leaves their assigned seat (or is closer than 7.5ft from other students) proper masking will be required.
 - ❖ Wind players that are able to be 6ft apart will only remove their mask to play their instrument. Students are expected to remove their mask right before playing and will recover with their mask as soon as they are done playing. (As an alternative, students may utilize a mask with a mouthpiece slit to avoid moving their mask back and forth.)
 - ❖ If wind players are less than 6ft apart, students will need to utilize a mask with a mouthpiece slit at all times.

Instrument Mitigation

- Brass students will use puppy training pads to absorb spit/condensation from their instrument. Spit valves must be released onto the puppy training pad and disposed of following each rehearsal.
- Flutes will be expected to use a Win-D-Fender© (provided by the school district) or a face shield while playing.
- Brass players will be provided bell covers to use on their instruments. (These items have been ordered but we are awaiting their arrival.)
- Students may not share instruments, supplies (such as reeds or swabs), music stands, or music.