



CONNECTED 20-21

PHYSICAL DISTANCING & CLASSROOM SETUP

The CDC recommends physical distancing as an effective means of reducing exposure and slowing the transmission of contagious diseases. Practicing physical distancing helps protect everyone.

All individuals on campus will be required to observe the following physical distancing protocols wherever possible:

- Maintain at least a 6-foot distance between yourself and others.
- Avoid shaking hands and close physical contact with others.
- Do not share water bottles, food, towels, utensils, etc.

The school has conducted a thorough review of its spaces, including all classrooms and communal spaces, to confirm physical distancing can be maintained in accommodating students. We are fortunate to be a small school, with large spaces. In the majority of cases, six-foot separations are possible. There are a small number of learning spaces where distancing may be limited to between four and six feet. Additional protocols will be implemented in these spaces (e.g. plexiglass barriers), and students will be required to adhere to the direction of their teachers.

Classrooms and other learning spaces will have assigned seating to facilitate contact tracing procedures in the event of a positive or suspected COVID-19 case.

Division-specific details:

Upper School

- Students will be assigned to study halls and supervised areas during unscheduled bells to ensure physical distancing.
- Classrooms and advisories will have assigned seats.
- Teachers will be positioned in hallways during transitions to enforce mask and physical distancing policies.
- Disposable aprons and gloves will be supplied in science labs for student use when handling chemicals, replacing the shared-use aprons previously worn.

- Students will have access to personal supplies in art classes to prevent cross-contamination.
- Performing arts classes will incorporate accommodations to minimize risk associated with singing and instrumental play. More details will follow, based on guidelines from the numerous performing arts associations.

Middle School

- Directional hallways and stairways will be used, with teachers positioned in hallways during transitions to enforce mask and physical distancing policies.
- Classrooms and advisories will have assigned seats.
- Students will bring personal supplies to art classes to prevent cross-contamination.
- Performing arts classes will incorporate accommodations to minimize risk associated with singing and instrumental play. More details will follow, based on guidelines from the numerous performing arts associations.

Lower School

- The Lower School daily schedule has been created to keep students in their small classroom cohort throughout the day and limit any intermingling of students, staff and faculty across classrooms and grade levels.
- Classrooms will have assigned seating and students will have individual learning bins and supplies. Any shared supplies will be disinfected after each use.
- Classroom set-ups have been re-designed to promote physical distancing.

As guidance on physical distancing continues to evolve, we will monitor and amend these protocols as appropriate. All members of the CCDS community are asked to help with these physical distancing efforts.