



PANDEMIC RESPONSE PROTOCOLS 2021-22

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Health and safety of all students and staff are our number one priority. Upon review of current guidelines and recommendations for the safe operation of schools from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), as well as the current data on COVID-19 transmission rates in Florida and Alachua County, we will begin the 2021-22 school year with the following protocols in place.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Social Distancing

- Students and staff will be required to wear a mask indoors on campus until further notice
 - Our intention is to require face masking indoors for all students and staff until the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to all students served by Resilience. Fall 2021 is the target for ages 5-11 to become eligible. We will maintain the mask mandate indoors until all students/families have had adequate time to receive the vaccine if they so choose and will notify families when we are ready to move to a policy of optional masking (considering local transmission rates as well as guidance from CDC and AAP).
 - Students will be asked to bring their own face mask to cover their mouth and nose, but Resilience will have disposable masks to give students if they do not have one or if theirs breaks
 - Resilience has personal face shields to provide for any on-campus student and staff member who wishes to wear one
- Resilience will work to maintain a 3-foot distancing policy indoors
- Compliance with mask policies will be handled as a health issue rather than a discipline issue. If a student is unable or unwilling to wear the required protective facial covering, Resilience will require the student to switch to distance learning. Students refusing to

wear their mask indoors will be escorted outside and supervised; family will be expected to pick them up immediately.

- Students and staff will be provided with an optional clear plastic desk shield to act as a sneeze and germ guard

Building Entry

- Family members & visitors entry on campus will be limited
 - A two-way intercom system is now installed outside the front door so that families can communicate with the front office without entering the building

Building & Classroom Usage

- Our entire HVAC system was upgraded with filters proven to kill the coronavirus in Fall 2020
- All students will return to regular in-person learning in the classrooms with their teachers
- The Florida Department of Education will no longer fund distance learning except through FLVS and other pre-approved virtual programs
- 3-foot physical distancing will be maintained in classrooms
- Outside breaks where masks can be removed will be scheduled for all classes throughout the day
- Portable UV/HEPA filters are placed in the learning environment to facilitate air cleaning & recirculation up to 4 x per hour
- UV light air purifiers are installed in each bathroom
- Classrooms & shared spaces are disinfected at the end of the school day, and professional cleaning services clean the building 3 times per week

Meals & Water Fountains

- Breakfast & lunch will still be provided on campus, but will be limited to pre-packaged bagged or boxed meals to reduce handling of food
- Meals will be served at students' assigned classroom seats or outside to reduce traffic through common areas of the building
- Students will be asked to bring a water bottle labeled with their name to prevent shared usage of water fountains
 - Inexpensive reusable water bottles will be available if a student does not have their own
- Water fountains will be disinfected frequently.

COVID-19 Reporting

- All families and staff must notify the school immediately in the event of a positive COVID-19 test for their student or significant exposure to a positive case of COVID-19
- Students or staff testing positive for COVID-19 will be required to follow current Alachua County Public Schools and Alachua County Health Department protocols for positive COVID-19 tests and exposure
 - LATEST SBAC INFO [HERE](#)
 - Return to School Flowchart [HERE](#)
 - Students and staff testing positive for COVID-19 may have to provide documentation of medical clearance to return to campus before they may return
- Any time a positive COVID-19 case ON CAMPUS is reported:
 - All families and staff potentially impacted will be promptly notified when a positive case is reported
 - The identity of the positive case will be protected, but all who may have come in contact will be notified
 - We will also report the positive case to the Alachua County School District and Alachua County Department of Health per public school requirements
- The spaces on campus where the infected person was recently present will be disinfected thoroughly, and if so advised by health experts, students will be relocated into another space temporarily

PROGRESS MONITORING/ACADEMIC REMEDIATION & INTERVENTION

- In addition to the usual remediation & intervention required, many students will need additional academic support due to changes in school structure during the 2020-21 school year
- Students needing extra reading support (as determined by diagnostic screenings at the beginning of the fall semester) will be assigned to a Reading Intervention course, and the intervention will take place via one-on-one or small group “pull-out” or “push-in” throughout the week (virtually or in-person)
- Math paraprofessionals are being assigned to the math classrooms to support students needing math remediation
- We are investing in additional software to diagnose student learning needs, provide skills practice, monitor student progress, and help us target the specific remediation or intervention needs for each student
- Students will be able to receive reading, writing & math intervention/remediation
- We have secured the assistance of many incredibly dedicated & hard-working UF students who are volunteering to virtually tutor students who need the most help academically and socially

MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- We are aware of the likelihood of increased mental health needs for students this school year due to the dramatic disruption of our school and home lives in the last year
- We will have additional counselors on staff available to work with students on campus or remotely (two part-time counselors)
- We will conduct general evaluations of student mental health needs at the beginning of the school year
- Teachers will design project topics & classroom structures considering the immediate and relevant mental health needs of students
- Staff are prepared to provide increased social-emotional support for all students and to help them process the significant losses we are all experiencing in this incredibly challenging time.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

- IEP and 504 meetings may be conducted virtually unless there is a family barrier to doing so, in which case the meeting will occur in the school building

EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

- We are aware that our most vulnerable students & families are impacted more significantly than other students during school closures
- We take full responsibility to ensure that ALL students continue receiving EQUAL opportunity to learn & grow regardless of instructional options selected by the family, income levels, home location, special needs, disabilities, English-language-learning or any other factor
- Resilience will continue to provide staff with professional development in the areas of culturally competent teaching, best practices for ensuring equity & high-quality instruction for all students

MORNING & AFTERCARE

- We will offer paid morning care (\$15 per week) from 7:30 am - 9 am every weekday
- We are still developing potential plans for after school care

BUS TRANSPORTATION

- We are gathering information from the school bus transportation department about bus drop-off and pick-up times
- We will let families know as soon as we have information on this

