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Fall 2020 Reopening Plan **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Has the school calendar changed?

The original school calendar will be followed. The first day of in-person learning for students in grades 9 and 10 will be August 31 and the first day of in-person learning for students in grades 11 and 12 will be September 2. There will be no virtual assignments during the first week of school.

2. How will my child be transported to and from school? What are school hours?

If a family lives in a district that transports, Mrs. Chambers will notify the family of the specifics. If not, transportation is the responsibility of each individual student. Doors to CASA's art wing and academic wing will open at 7:45 a.m. There will not be access to the cafeteria or other parts of the school prior to 7:45 a.m. School begins at 8:00 a.m. If a student arrives after 8:00 a.m., they must report to the entrance at Third and Walnut Streets to receive a late pass from Mrs. Chambers. Dismissal is at 2:55 p.m. Students will be monitored by staff members to assist with social distancing. All students must vacate CASA by 3:15 p.m. daily.

3. Will lockers be assigned this year?

Initially, lockers will not be assigned. We will reevaluate this decision after the beginning of the school year. If your child has a special circumstance and may need a locker, please contact Mrs. Rhinehart at arhinehart@casa-arts.org.

4. How will social distancing be accomplished?

By limiting the number of students in the building by 50%, we will be able to adhere to the 6 feet social distancing guidelines, however, it will take cooperation from all students. Faculty members will consistently remind students of this requirement. Specifics are outlined in our Health and Safety Plan which is located at www.casa-arts.org.

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5. What is CASA’s protocol for face coverings?

On July 1, 2020, the Secretary of Health issued an order requiring universal face coverings. As stated in the Department of Health Executive Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings – Application for Schools document, this order applies to students and staff members in schools. In order to maintain the safest environment possible, all CASA students and staff must wear face coverings throughout the school day. Face coverings must be worn in Strawberry Square, while transitioning in the hallways, while working in groups, and when in common areas. Face coverings may only be removed when eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; seated at desks or assigned work spaces at least 6 feet apart, when appropriate; or engaged in any activity at least 6 feet apart, when appropriate (e.g. face covering breaks, etc.). Any student who cannot wear a face covering or face shield due to a medical condition, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition, or disability, and students who would be unable to remove a face covering without assistance are not required to wear face coverings, and will need that accommodation documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team. Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or who has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication, are not required to wear a face covering; however, individuals should consider using another type of face covering such as a plastic face shield. All students and staff members will be provided with one reusable/washable CASA gaiter-style face covering. Additionally, students may wear face coverings with school-appropriate patterns, but face coverings with words/phrases are not permitted.

6. What are CASA’s cleaning protocols?

Please visit www.casa-arts.org to view our Health and Safety Plan that outlines our cleaning protocols. Students will also be asked to clean their own space/materials before they leave a classroom/area.

7. Will parents and visitors be permitted in CASA?

Until guidelines are relaxed, no visitors or guest artists will be permitted in CASA. If parents need to visit for a meeting or to submit paperwork, they must enter at Third and Walnut Streets. They will be greeted by Mrs. Chambers and she will be able to assist them from the secure vestibule.

8. How will CASA’s lunch period work this year?

CASA students will have the opportunity to bring their own lunch with them to school. They will also have the opportunity to order one from the school at no charge using the online form. They must order ahead of time. Students will not be permitted to purchase lunch or any other items in Strawberry Square or the Food Court during school hours. Microwaves and refrigerators will not be available to students. Water is the only beverage permitted in classrooms. Food items are prohibited in classrooms. CASA will utilize the cafeteria and one extra room to ensure appropriate social distancing measures.

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9. All students will need a computer this year. Can my child use their own laptop? What if my child doesn't have one?

CASA is utilizing Canvas, an online learning management system, to assist with delivering instructional content in all three types of scheduling models (hybrid, virtual, in-person). Students will need a laptop and charging cable every day. Students may use their own, or they will be issued a CASA Chromebook that they will be responsible for until the end of the year.

10. What are the expectations for my child on days they are learning virtually during the hybrid model?

During virtual instruction days, students will participate in asynchronous lessons via Canvas and CAOLA. Students will be required to complete all daily assignments. They are encouraged to follow the same schedule they have during in-person instruction so they can effectively manage their time and complete their assignments in their entirety. In addition to their daily lessons, on Wednesdays, students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers via Zoom, by appointment, if they need assistance or have questions. Teachers will also be available via email every school day.

11. What are the expectations for my child if they are learning through the 100% virtual option?

Students who are learning through virtual instruction will complete all of their courses via Canvas and CAOLA. They will have 24/7 access and will be required to complete daily (asynchronous) lessons. Students will have the opportunity to create their own daily schedule, keeping in mind that they must complete assignments in each class every day. In addition to their daily lessons, on Wednesdays, students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers via Zoom, by appointment, if they need assistance or have questions. Teachers will also be available via email every school day.

12. If we choose the 100% virtual option, do we have to remain in that option all year?

After each marking period, students and parents will have the opportunity to move from the 100% virtual option to the hybrid/fully open option if those options are being offered at that time. Families may also move from the hybrid/fully open options to the 100% virtual option if they deem it necessary at the end of a marking period.

13. What is the grading policy for assignments this year?

All students will follow the grading policy outlined in the student handbook. All assignments are due to the teacher on the specified date in order to receive full credit. Anything that is submitted late will be worth 75% of the original possible points. No late work will be accepted after the unit of study has concluded. When students are absent from school (excused) they will be permitted to make up their assignments. They will have three days to make up their assignments for full credit.

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14. How will attendance be recorded this year?

Teachers will record daily attendance in PowerSchool for students when they are present for in-person teaching and learning. Please see the student handbook beginning on page three for more information regarding attendance policies. For virtual learning, attendance will be taken at the end of each day based on assignment completion. Students must sign in to Canvas and CAOLA and complete their assignments every day that they are participating in virtual learning. If assignments are not completed and/or a student does not log on, he/she will be marked absent for the day. If a student is sick on a day of in-person or virtual learning, please call the office and follow up with a note upon the student's return.

**Our next FAQ document will feature answers to questions focusing on COVID-19 exposure, etc.*