

Ichabod Crane CSD Physical Distancing Protocols

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The *Ichabod Crane CSD* has developed social distancing protocols for all students, faculty, and staff when on school facilities, grounds and transportation.

All students in grades K through 7 will be spaced a minimum of three feet apart in classrooms. Students in grades 8 through 12 will be spaced a minimum of six feet apart in classrooms. To the greatest extent possible, students will also be spaced apart on the school buses.

In some classes, such as chorus, music, band and physical education, students will be spaced at a minimum of 6 feet apart with rooms and areas being set-up accordingly. These classes as well as others will be encouraged to hold class outdoors when weather is permitting.

Students will be required to wear masks during all hallway and corridor transitions. In the hallways and corridors, student traffic will be monitored in order to ensure appropriate directional flow. Hallways will be marked with directional arrows and other markings to indicate directional foot traffic and student positioning. Students will be asked to walk six feet apart (including if waiting to enter a classroom or bathroom).

Bathrooms will be monitored whenever possible by staff. Students will be directed to wait outside the bathroom if more than 2 students are already in it. Proper face covering will be maintained at all times while in the bathroom. Hand hygiene within the bathroom will be accomplished by isolating every other sink so that six feet of physical distance is maintained. Disposable hand towels will be utilized in all bathrooms.

All cafeteria tables or desks will be positioned in accordance with the six foot minimum physical distancing requirement. Mask or face coverings will be worn until students are seated and starting to eat. Student masks or face coverings will be placed back on when finished with lunch and exiting the cafeteria. All desks will be sanitized between lunch groups. There will also be hand sanitizing stations at the entrance and exits.

“Mask breaks” will be provided to students in all grade-levels when it is safe to do so. For those medically unable to wear face coverings, a medical note will be required by the student and presented to the district. If possible, a face shield will be utilized.

Most common areas will be used as they were originally intended, but with furniture appropriately spaced. Larger rooms in the building may be utilized for classrooms to allow for physical distancing or to provide additional classroom spaces.