In an effort to keep students and staff safe in the fine arts classroom, the following guidelines and recommendations have been developed. The guidance in this document was derived using information from multiple sources at the region, state, and national levels.

The goal of RISD’s Fine Arts office is to provide realistic guidance to teachers and campus administrators while working to schedule classes in the most safe and educationally effective manner possible. Fine Arts classrooms differ from other spaces due to the necessity for team/ensemble based learning as well as the ability to serve students in a different educational setting. As the pandemic evolves, so will our recommendations for best practices in the fine arts classroom.

**All Fine Arts Classrooms**

- Hand sanitizer used upon entry and exit of the classroom.
- **As facilities, scheduling and staffing allow, students will be spread out around the rehearsal/art facility to best help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.**
- Performing artists who are moving or participating in movement-based activities may lower their masks outdoors. After recovery or while receiving further instruction, masks must be replaced to cover the mouth and nose.
- When possible, consider having class outdoors to help with air flow.

**Visual Arts**

- Masks will be worn at all times by all students and staff.
- Students may have plexiglass partitions when working in close proximity.
- Shared supplies will be rotated with clean supplies after every class.

**Students will be encouraged to use individual art kits when possible.**

**Elementary Music**

- Masks and shields will be worn when singing. When not singing, students will be expected to wear their mask.
- Students will face the same direction in flat rows.
- Shared instruments/equipment will not be allowed at this time.
- Individual music kits will be provided for all students in Pre-K to grade 6. Replacement kits will be at the expense of the student.

**Band**

- Students will face the same direction in flat rows.
- Wind instrument musicians will be expected to wear a mask when not playing.
- Percussionists and Guard members will wear a mask at all times.
- When actively participating in marching movement, wind musicians may lower their mask below their chin.
• Marching Band--drill will be charted for 6’ intervals for winds/guard.
• While receiving instruction, masks must be covering their nose and mouth.
• Instruments may not be shared.

Choir
• Students will face the same direction in flat rows.
• Masks and shields will be worn when rehearsing and the facility doesn’t allow for 6’ distancing.
• When students can socially distance at 6’ and beyond, masks will be the only required PPE.
• **During performances**, students will be distanced as close to 6’ as possible, pending what the facility allows. Masks will be worn, but face shields are not required.

Orchestra
• Students will face the same direction in flat rows.
• Masks will be worn at all times.
• Instruments may not be shared.

Theatre
• Masks will be worn at all times.
• Shields may be required when performance standards necessitate performers coming in close contact with each other.

Dance
• Masks will be worn at all times when indoors.
• When outdoors, students may lower their masks when actively participating in aerobic activity. Students are encouraged to catch their breath completely before putting masks back on.

Music Practice Rooms/Small Ensemble Rooms
Only one person per room at this time.

Private Lessons
Private music lessons will be allowed virtually but not in person. Students may participate in virtual private lessons during their music class pending facility availability.

Instrument Locker Rooms
Instrument locker/storage rooms may be used with access for students one at a time. The rooms should be used for instrument storage and not for any other purposes.

Room Orientation
Teachers should experiment with rehearsal setups to find the best solution for safe teaching and learning to occur.

PPE Supplies
• Staff should work with their campus to sanitize high traffic areas on a consistent basis throughout the day.
• General PPE supplies will be sent to each campus and distributed by principals. This includes masks, shields for choir, paper towels, hand sanitizer.
• Teacher Plexi-shields will be provided for high aerosol spread areas; band/choir/elementary music.
• Please discuss specific needs with your campus principal.

General Best Practices
• Take the first week of FTF to teach kids about how to safely participate in their respective art form.
• Reinforce expectations on a daily basis.
• Proper mask protocols will require daily reinforcement.
• Get creative with outdoor classroom opportunities. Campus principal should be involved in this discussion.
• Create opportunities for mask breaks when possible.

Student Health Screener
• [https://student.risd.org](https://student.risd.org)
• Check for green screen or teacher dashboard
• All students will be expected to complete a weekly screener
• Students coming on campus prior to FTF return must complete a screener **daily**