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Fine Arts COVID-19 Guidance for Football Games

The following information may be subject to change as we monitor the current situation and receive additional information from the District, the Cameron County Public Health Department, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and/or the University Interscholastic League (UIL).

1. After school band and dance practice will be allowed to begin the week of October 5th for all campuses. Any extracurricular participation at practices and events are voluntary for all students.
 - a. Students who attend after-school practice/rehearsal or a football game must be screened.
 - i. Temperature taken.
 - ii. Complete screening form (sent previously).
 - iii. Students who do not meet the screening expectations will be sent home immediately. Staff will notify administration if any student does not meet the screening expectations.
 - b. All programs must follow District, Cameron County Public Health, TEA and UIL recommended guidelines at all times.
2. Bands and dance groups will attend games at Sams Stadium and Veterans Memorial High School Stadium to help support the football team and promote school spirit. Marching bands and dance groups will not travel to games outside of Brownsville ISD and will only attend games at Sams or Veterans stadium. In the case of two Brownsville ISD schools playing each other, both schools will have representation on the home and visitor side.
3. A pep band of no more than 52 students and a dance group of 13 students will be allowed to represent each school. It is possible to rotate different groups of students at each game to allow participation from any student that wishes to attend.
4. District transportation will be provided for marching bands and dance groups. All students will be required to travel to and from football games using BISD transportation. Any instance that a student does not travel with the organization to the stadium will require the prior approval of the campus principal.
5. The following safety protocols and guidelines will be in place for all students. A check-in and screening process will be used at the campus to ensure all students are not displaying symptoms and are accounted for before departure to the stadium. Students should be social distanced at all times.
 - a. Capacity for each bus will be 13 students plus staff. 4 buses (Band) & 1 bus (Dance)
 - b. Each student and staff member will social distance by sitting 1 person per seat and using every other row. Seats will be assigned to each student and the student must remain in that assigned seat for the duration of the trip.
 - c. Band students will travel grouped by instrument section to maintain cohort integrity.
 - d. Students and staff will be required to wear face masks in transit.
 - e. Band students will be allowed to take their instrument on the bus to and from football games.
 - f. No trailers or box trucks are to be utilized for any football game. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis, with the prior approval of the Instrumental Music Advisor.



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Football Game Guidelines:

1. All buses will arrive and park parallel to the Fine Arts office and Wellness Gym on the home side of the stadium.
2. All students and staff will maintain 6ft social distance when unloading buses and moving into the stadium to be seated.
3. In the interest of safety, there will be no on field halftime performance expectations for any of our band and dance programs.
4. All students and staff will practice social distancing for the entire football game. There are no exceptions.
5. Program directors may allow two students at a time per program for restroom breaks throughout the football game. Hand sanitizer should be made available as the students return from the restroom. Staff should plan to bring extra personal protective equipment and hand sanitizer with them to ensure the groups have the materials needed for safety.
6. In the interest of safety, it is not recommended to give groups the 3rd quarter off.
7. No meet and greet for any programs during the football game will be permitted.
8. Students will need to provide their own water jug and have it filled prior to leaving for the football game.
9. There will be no distribution of water bottles, snacks, and/or sharing of items at any time.
10. All students and staff will be required to wear a face mask, and band students must have a bell cover on their instrument for the entire duration of the event.
11. Students and staff will not be allowed field access at any time.

Seating Capacity:

To help ensure that all groups practice social distancing. At Sams Stadium, the athletic department has designated section "H" for the Band and section "I" for Dance on the home side and section "K" for the Band and section "J" for Dance on the visitor side. This should ensure that our groups are isolated from traffic from others attending the game. A similar format will be used at Veterans Stadium. Determination of participants each week will be at the discretion of the band and dance directors. Students will be seated 6ft apart in staggered formation as shown in the following diagram. Seating must be adhered to for the duration of the football game.



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