



## **ACADEMIE DA VINCI**

### **Guiding Practices and Protocols, COVID-19 Response Updates**

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As of June 9, 2021, Academie da Vinci, in conjunction with Pinellas County Schools, has modified certain protocols as conditions and information has changed and will continue to seek and follow sound medical advice.

Academie da Vinci is committed to providing high-quality instruction and enrichment opportunities for all students, while also maintaining wellness protocols for students and staff. We anticipate that as the community continues to return to pre-pandemic conditions, that the processes below will also guide our school's return to pre-pandemic operations. Any updates will be communicated to all stakeholders.

#### **Instruction**

- Simultaneous teaching, which served a valuable purpose in the 2020-21 school year, will not be utilized during the 2021-22 school year.
- Academic growth will be accelerated for every student through in-person instruction, high-quality teaching practices, programs and targeted enrichment and intervention opportunities matched to student needs.
- All students will be engaged in rigorous, collaborative and inclusive educational practices which include whole class, small group and individual instruction across all grade levels and content courses.
- Academie da Vinci students and teachers will continue the use of digital learning applications and platforms within classrooms.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

- Extra-curricular, performing arts and school events will resume to support student engagement and will follow district and/or organization guidelines, review, permission and wellness protocols.

- Activities and/or field trips will resume and follow the district review, permission and wellness protocols. Any field trip to a non-district location must follow the wellness practices of both the district and the field trip location.

### **Family Engagement and Campus Visitors/Volunteer**

- In-person family meetings and conferences will resume and, whenever possible, virtual options will also be made available to meet the needs of all stakeholders.
- Opportunities for on-campus visitors and volunteers will return to pre-pandemic participation. All visitors and volunteers must follow district wellness practices and approval processes (e.g. check-in procedures, Level II clearance, etc.).

### **Wellness Protocols**

- Face coverings will continue to be recommended (not mandatory) when indoors for both staff and students.
- School district personnel will not monitor nor enforce the use of face coverings for staff or students; however, face coverings will continue to be made available at school sites for students and staff.
- All buildings will continue enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols. Cleaning supplies will continue to be provided to each classroom.
- Social distancing practices, to the extent possible, will continue while also ensuring collaboration in classrooms and throughout the school buildings. Schools are instructed to use 3-6 feet as a guide for social distancing.
- While plexiglass barriers were once regarded as a strong mitigation layer, it is no longer viewed by the medical community as a priority strategy. The use of plexiglass has a negative impact on a collaborative learning environment but may be used sparingly.
- Water fountains in all district buildings will remain closed except for filling water bottles.
- Seating charts for classrooms, lunchrooms may be requested if there is a positive case at a school site to support contact tracing under the direction of the Department of Health-Pinellas.
- School sites will maintain a separate space for individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.