

Wellesley Public Schools
Performing Arts Department
Guidelines for 2021-2022 School Year
(as of August 27, 2021)

These guidelines are based on the latest data available at the start of the 2021-2022 School Year and are additional guidelines to the school specific and district expectations/guidelines. The guidelines will be monitored and updated if necessary due to any additional information throughout the year.

Grade Level	General Music	Band	Chorus	Orchestra
K-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes will take place in Music Classrooms. • Masks will be worn but no special spacing is needed. • Percussion or other hand held instruments that are shared will be cleaned between uses. • Dancing will be allowed. Students will use hand sanitizer before and after any dancing that involves contact with other students. • Singing will be allowed with masks on. Singing should be no more than 30 minutes consecutively at one time. • At this time, Recorders should only be played outside with spacing in between students. This will be revisited after October 1st. • Students should use hand sanitizer before and at the end of class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band will take place before school in a classroom or other space depending on school space. • No special spacing is needed, however a 3 foot spacing is recommended if possible. • All band members should wear performance masks including wind players. Percussion members can wear regular masks. • Bell covers should be used for specific instruments. • No longer than 30 minutes of playing time consistently during a rehearsal. • Band outdoors will not require masks or special spacing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 chorus will take place during the school day in a school specific space. • Indoors all students will wear a face mask while singing. • No special spacing is needed with masks on inside or outside. • Outdoors no masks or special spacing is needed. • Consistent singing should not exceed 30 minutes before a break is needed. • Singing outside will not require any masks or special spacing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra will take place before school in a classroom or other space depending on school space. • No special spacing is needed. • All orchestra members will wear masks during rehearsals. • There is no playing time restriction for Orchestra. • Orchestra outdoors will not require masks or special spacing.

Grade Level	General Music	Drama/Tech./Dance	Band	Chorus	Orchestra
6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes will take place in Music Classrooms. • Masks will be worn but no special spacing is needed. • Percussion, Ukuleles or other hand held instruments that are shared will be cleaned between uses. • Dancing will be allowed. Students will use hand sanitizer before and after any dancing that involves contact with other students. • Singing will be allowed with masks on. Singing should be no more than 30 minutes consecutively at one time. • Students should use hand sanitizer before and at the end of class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama classes will take place in the Drama Room or Auditorium. • After School Dance will take place in the Auditorium or Gym. • Students will wear masks during classes. • There will be no spacing limitations. • Students should use hand sanitizer before and after any activities where contact is made. • Outdoor lessons/activities will not require masks or special spacing. • Musical rehearsals with singing and instrument playing will follow the same guidelines as Band and Chorus. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band will take place in a classroom or other space depending on school space. • No special spacing is needed indoors, however a 3 foot spacing is recommended if possible. • All band members should wear performance masks including wind players. Percussion members can wear regular masks. • Bell covers should be used for specific instruments. • No longer than 30 minutes of playing time consistently during a rehearsal. • Band outside will not require masks, spacing or bell covers. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chorus will take place during the school day in a school specific space. • Indoors all students will wear a face mask while singing. • No special spacing is needed with masks on inside or outside. • Outdoors no masks are needed. • Consistent singing should not exceed 30 minutes before a break is needed. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra will take place in a classroom or other space depending on school space. • No special spacing is needed. • All orchestra members will wear masks during rehearsals. • There is no playing time restriction for Orchestra. • Orchestra outside will not require masks, spacing or bell covers. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations.

Grade Level	General Music (Music Theory/Songwriting)	Drama/Tech./Dance	Band	Chorus	Orchestra
9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes will take place in Music Classrooms. • Masks will be worn but no special spacing is needed. • Any hand held instruments or computer keyboards that are shared will be cleaned between uses. • Singing will be allowed with masks on. Singing should be no more than 30 minutes consecutively at one time. • Students should use hand sanitizer before and at the end of class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama classes will take place in the Drama Room or Auditorium. • Dance will take place on the Stage or Dance Studio. • Students will wear masks during classes. • There will be no spacing limitations. • Students should use hand sanitizer before and after any activities where contact is made. • Outdoor lessons/activities will not require masks or special spacing. • Musical rehearsals with singing and instrument playing will follow the same guidelines as Band and Chorus. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band will take place in a classroom or other space depending on school space. • No special spacing is needed indoors, however a 3 foot spacing is recommended if possible. • All band members should wear performance masks including wind players. Percussion members can wear regular masks. • Bell covers should be used for specific instruments. • No longer than 30 minutes of playing time consistently during a rehearsal. • Band outside will not require masks, spacing or bell covers. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chorus will take place during the school day in a school specific space. • Indoors all students will wear a face mask while singing. • No special spacing is needed with masks on inside or outside. • Outdoors no masks or special spacing is needed. • Consistent singing should not exceed 30 minutes before a break is needed. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra will take place in a classroom or other space depending on school space. • No special spacing is needed. • All orchestra members will wear masks during rehearsals. • There is no playing time restriction for Orchestra. • Orchestra outside will not require masks, spacing or bell covers. • After school activities/rehearsals will follow the same guidelines as school day expectations.

Grade Level	IVEP Lesson Program	Dance	Pep Band	A Cappella	Musicals/Plays	Performances
After School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual lessons can be Virtual or in person. This should be an agreement between the instructor and the family. • In person lessons will be scheduled by the IVEP staff. • Instructors and students will wear masks during indoor/in person lessons. • Any parent or adult bringing a student to an in person lesson will be required to wear a mask and wait in a designated space, and sign in. • Chorus, Band, and Orchestra guidelines from the school day program will be in effect in regards to spacing and length of time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See school day guidelines for 6-12. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No special spacing is needed in the football stands. • No masks or bell covers will be required in the stands. • When in the building to get equipment or any indoor rehearsals, all Band school day guidelines will be in effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See school day guidelines for Chorus. • All A Cappella ensembles should follow the Chorus guidelines indoors and outdoors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See school day guidelines for Drama. • All musicals and plays should follow the Drama, Chorus and Band guidelines outlined for the school day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this time no public indoor performances will be scheduled until further guidance from DESE or the Wellesley Board of Health/School Committee. • Outdoor performances will be allowed and should follow local Board of Health/School Committee guidelines.