



SCOTT CITY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. Transmission is higher with certain situations, specifically singing events. At SCE we believe that music education is more important than ever given the ability to support the social and emotional well-being of students. We are doing all that we can to protect music education and the power it has to heal and touch people of all ages. However we also believe we have to maintain the delicate balance emphasizing health and safety of our students, staff, and community. The delivery and presentations for music performances at Scott City Elementary as well as Honor Choir will be different this year.

What you will see in our music department Pre-K through 4th grade:

- Music classes will be held in their usual manner, maintaining our practice of keeping class cohorts separated as much as possible.
- SCE ***will not*** be having grade level music concerts this year. According to the CDC, COVID-19 has a high attack rate in highly transmissible settings, which includes singing events. We felt that canceling grade level concerts were in our best interest to minimize the spread. Music concerts require hours and hours of practice where cohorts would have to be mixed. There is also no way to practice social distancing with that large of a group.

What you will see for Honor Choir this year:

- Practices will be held after school instead of in the morning..
- Practices will be held in a larger area to accommodate social distancing.
- We will do our best not to mix grade level cohorts during practices and performances.
- We are limiting the number of performances. Honor Choir will not be traveling to other venues.
- Our goal is to have our performances outside when possible.
- Guests will be allowed to attend outside performances but will be encouraged to social distance.
- Students will not share music stands or share sheet music.
- Vocal hygiene and social distancing protocols will be followed.

Some of the ways that Scott City Elementary is doing our part to slow the spread:

- Keeping our students in their class families (cohorts) during Rtl, lunch, and throughout the day. We are trying to limit the mixing of cohorts as much as possible.

- Promoting, teaching, and practicing behaviors that reduce the spread.
- Limiting nonessential visitors and volunteers in our building, this includes class parties, etc.
- Pursuing virtual activities and events instead of off campus field trips.
- Daily visual wellness scans for all students.
- Daily wellness scans and forms for all staff members.
- Increased attention to cleaning and disinfecting. Hand sanitizer stations have been installed in all classrooms and in all common areas. Installation of touchless drinking stations, restroom accommodations (touchless toilets and paper towel dispensers).
- All staff members are required to wear masks or face shields. Students are highly encouraged to wear masks when social distancing is not possible.
- For more detailed information please refer to the *Scott City R-1 Return-to-School Plan* at [v3 S.C. R-1 Return to School Plan 8.19.2020.docx](#)

Our goal is to protect in-person learning while implementing actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 both inside our school and community. Vigilance to these actions will minimize the risk of in-school transmission. We are humbled by the support and grace that has been given to us by our community and SCE family.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.
Sincerely,

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Resources:

https://www.nfhs.org/media/4119538/nafme_nfhs-guidance-for-fall-2020-august-21-version-4.pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>