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Spectrum Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Open House. It was great to see all of the smiling faces and enthusiasm for our return to school. Please take special note of the following items and reminders in preparation for the first day of school on **Monday, August 29 morning at 7:25 a.m.**

First Day Schedule – Students will attend Advisory at 7:25 a.m., where they will receive their Chromebook, followed by each of their 8 periods. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for early arrivers who will be asked to wait in the designated monitored areas in each building.

Busing – The first day of school brings many logistics. Routes and specific stops were sent out by Northstar via email last week. In addition, routes are updated regularly during the school year. Parents/guardians are asked to check Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Sundays for any updates. Any major adjustments will be communicated by the school as well as the year progresses. Remember to leave a little extra time on the first few days as Northstar adapts routes based on student needs. Questions about routes and stops should be directed to Kurt at Northstar Transportation at (763) 425-2542.

Dress Code – Please take some time to review Spectrum’s dress code before Monday (see Attachment A: Excerpt from the *2022-2023 Student/Family Handbook*). Students are expected to follow the dress code starting on the first day of school. It is often helpful when parents/guardians talk over the expectations with their student(s) and observe what they are wearing when leaving the house. Students whose clothing doesn’t meet expectations will be asked to change and/or have clothes brought to them.

Ready for School Protocol – Parents/guardians should monitor their student(s) health on a daily basis before having them get on a bus or go to school. Spectrum’s *Ready for School Protocol* (see Attachment B) have been updated after review of the revised guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

We can hardly wait to greet everyone on Monday morning! Thank you for the honor of partnering with you to educate your students.

Dan DeBruyn

Executive Director

Dress Code Policy

The intent of the Spectrum Dress Code is to provide a safe and productive learning environment with limited distractions. Students should dress for success. Any apparel that is a potential danger to themselves or others is not permitted. Dress for school should be clean and in good condition. If students have any confusion regarding the appropriateness of their attire, they are free to consult with the office at any time. Students may be required to change clothing at the discretion of the Administration. *Note: Current fashion trends may not meet these guidelines.*



Clothing

- A. Pants **MUST** be worn at an appropriate waist level and undergarments shall not be seen. If pants have holes or tears through which skin is exposed, these holes shall be located below the end of the fingertips with arms relaxed at sides.
- B. Shirts/Tops/Sweaters shall have necklines, with no cleavage showing, whether sitting or bending over. Sleeveless tops must have at least a 2” strap (no bra straps should show). No halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, or tops with spaghetti straps. Shirts/tops/sweaters should be long enough so that no bellies or backs are exposed.
- C. Shorts/Skirts/Dresses need to be long enough so they extend beyond a student’s fingertips when arms are relaxed at sides.
- D. Coats and jackets are to be left in lockers.
- E. Messages on Clothing
 1. Clothing with messages about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, or racial or sexual connotations are not allowed.
 2. Clothing with messages that are lewd, obscene, defamatory, and/or profane are not allowed.
 3. Emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects, or pictures on clothing or jewelry communicating a message that is racist, sexist, or otherwise derogatory, evidences gang membership or affiliation, or approves, advances, or provokes any form of religious, racial, or sexual harassment and/or violence against others are not permitted.

*It is not the intention of this policy to abridge the rights of students to express political, religious, philosophical, or similar opinions.
- F. Pajamas and slippers are not to be worn to school except on designated days during Spirit Weeks.
- G. Students are asked to be mindful of the amount of perfume/cologne being worn due to allergies and out of consideration for others. Spraying perfume/cologne in hallways or other areas is not permitted.
- H. Head coverings and sunglasses (i.e., hats, skullcaps, du rags, scarves, or hoods) and sunglasses are **NOT** to be worn inside the classroom, at lunch, or anytime during school hours. These items will be confiscated. The only exceptions are for cultural head coverings and during designated days during Spirit Weeks.
- I. Undergarments (including bras and boxer shorts) shall not be seen. This includes clothes that do not fit properly, revealing clothing, or transparent clothing.

At all times, students may be required to change clothing at the discretion of Administration. If clothing is found to be inappropriate, Administration will follow Student Discipline Guidelines. If students are unsure as to whether their clothing fits within these guidelines, they are encouraged to inquire with the office before wearing them to school. Students may appeal a dress code violation to administration. Spectrum reserves the right to change and adapt dress code as need arises.

Attachment B: Ready for School Protocol (Updated: August 26, 2022)

As part of Spectrum's Preparedness Plan (also referred to as the *Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan*), parents/guardians of students attending Spectrum are required to evaluate their child(ren) **daily** before sending them to school using the following Ready for School Protocol.

Ready for School Protocol

If a student is feeling sick, he or she should stay home until 24 hours after the following symptoms have resolved: fever $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ (unmedicated), vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Other symptoms to consider (specific to COVID) include: acute onset of shortness of breath (difficulty or hard time breathing), acute onset or worsening cough (new cough or cough that gets worse), or new loss of taste or smell. The lessening of these symptoms will be required to return to school.

When a student is going to be absent, a parent/guardian should contact the Attendance Clerk at their student's building.



If a student has the above symptoms, the parent/guardian should consider testing for COVID. If a student receives a positive test result, the Lead Health Clerk, Jess Lingbeek, should be notified as soon as possible. Contact information: jlingbeek@spectrumhighschool.org or (763) 450-9804. *Note: Free at-home tests are available from the Minnesota Department of Health at <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/at-home/>.*

What happens after a parent/guardian reports a positive COVID test result?

- (1) A follow up call from the Lead Health Clerk will be made sometime during the first day of notification.
- (2) The Lead Health Clerk will work with the parent/guardian to determine when the student should return to school (at least 5 days from onset of symptoms and when symptoms lessen). Once returning to school, the student will need to wear a mask through the 10th day from onset of symptoms.
- (3) If no test is taken, the student should return to school based on symptoms following the protocol. If coughing, a mask will be encouraged.

For questions regarding testing or to report a positive test result, contact Jess Lingbeek, Lead Health Clerk, at (763) 450-9804 or jlingbeek@spectrumhighschool.org.