

March 7, 2024

To: Spectrum Community

Re: Important Updates

Please review the following important information and prepare accordingly.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

As the weather begins to warm up, it is a good time to review Spectrum’s dress code with your student(s). An excerpt from the [2023-2024 Student/Family Handbook](#) is included at the end of this communication. Please pay special attention to the length of shirts and shorts, revealing clothing, and the location of holes in pants. This information was reviewed with students at the beginning of the school year and they will be reminded next week as well. Thank you in advance for working with the school to monitor clothing choices.

CONFERENCES – NEXT TUESDAY

Student/Teacher/Parent conferences are a great opportunity to connect! Please see times and locations that will work for you and your student(s) to attend on **Tuesday, March 12.**

| TIME | SPECTRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8) | SPECTRUM HIGH SCHOOL (9-12) |
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| 3:00-4:30 P.M. | <u>In-Person</u> Conferences in Gymnasium | <u>Virtual Conferences</u> Sign-up here . Directions for using MyConferenceTime can be found here . |
| 4:30-5:00 P.M. | Dinner Break for Teachers – <i>Thank you parents/guardians for providing the meal!</i> | |
| 5:00-6:30 P.M. | <u>In-Person</u> Conferences in Gymnasium (all buildings) | |

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS COMING SOON!

The annual election for Spectrum’s Board of Directors (School Board) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th (beginning at 7:30 a.m.) through Sunday, April 14th (ending at 3:30 p.m.). The Board has chosen to run the election online using Election Buddy.



The email message will be sent directly from Election Buddy, but will contain “Spectrum High School” as well. If you do not receive a message, please check your SPAM folder in case the message is caught in your filter. Candidate Profiles and a Voter Guide will be sent in advance for you to review prior to the election.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Board or considering running in the election should contact Jennifer Linn, Executive Administrative Assistant, at jlinn@spectrumhighschool.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Spectrum is currently seeking to fill a number of positions. If interested, please apply online at <https://www.applitrack.com/spectrumhighschool/onlineapp/>.

- For the following positions, please contact Rick Peterson, Activities/Facilities Director, at rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org
 - Assistant Football Coach
 - Head Girls Volleyball Coach
 - Strength and Conditioning Coach
- For the following position, please contact Dan DeBruyn, Executive Director, at ddebruyn@spectrumhighschool.org
 - Special Education Paraprofessional



UPDATED “READY FOR SCHOOL” PROTOCOL

The Centers for Disease Control’s recent updates of their recommendations for respiratory viruses can be found [here](#). These include changes to covid protocol. As a result, Spectrum has updated its “Ready for School” Protocol. Please see below and contact the Health Clerk at your student’s building with any questions.



NEW (UPDATED) “READY FOR SCHOOL” REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Updated: March 7, 2024

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, diarrhea, or undiagnosed rash.

Other symptoms to consider include the following: sore throat, fatigue, body aches, 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.

If a student has the above symptoms, the parent/guardian should consider reaching out to their physician to see if an appointment or any testing is suggested. Your student should be ready for a full day of school before returning.

EXCERPT FROM PAGE 38 OF THE 2023-2024 SPECTRUM STUDENT/FAMILY HANDBOOK

Student Dress Code

A. 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 should 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.

B. Clothing

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Shorts/Skirts/Dresses** need to be long enough so they extend beyond a student's fingertips when arms are relaxed at sides.
4. **Coats and jackets** are to be left in lockers and are not allowed in the classroom.
5. **Message on Clothing**
 - a. Clothing with messages about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, or racial or sexual connotations are not allowed.
 - b. Clothing with messages that are lewd, obscene, defamatory, and/or profane are not allowed.
 - c. 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.*
6. **Slippers** are not to be worn to school except on designated days during Spirit Weeks.
7. 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.
8. **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 exception is for cultural head coverings, and during designated days during Spirit Weeks.
9. **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 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 the need arises.
