



PHILOSOPHY

Topeka Collegiate's first headmaster, Mac Rives created the school's original handbook with the mantra of **Freedom with Responsibility** forefront in his mind. Thirty-nine years later during the COVID-19 pandemic, we place this mantra front and center as we continue the Eagles360° Program.

EAGLES360° TASKFORCE

The Eagles360° Taskforce met during Summer 2021 to review and adjust the Eagles360° Program. This group is comprised of faculty from multiple grade levels and staff from various departments.

The Eagles360° Taskforce will continue to review and update policy and practices to best meet our school's needs following government recommendations and new research. Precautions will be adjusted when it is appropriate to do so.

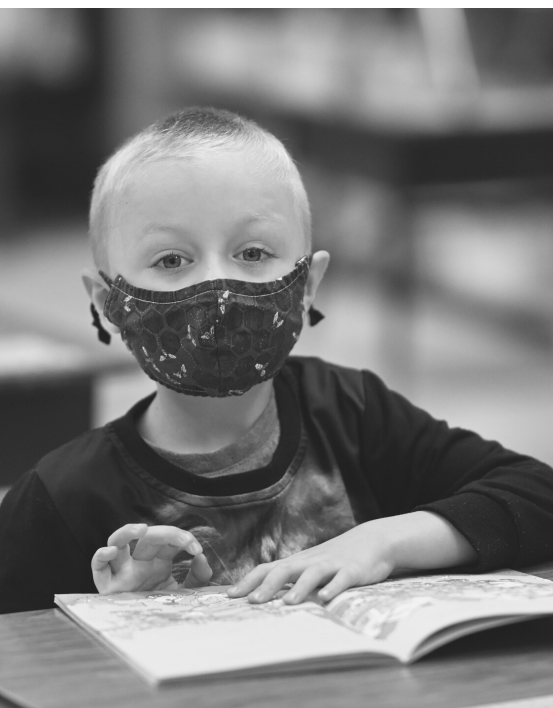
EAGLES360° ADDENDUM

This document is intended to provide a summary of the Eagles360° precautions in place for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like more information, please refer to the Eagles360° Addendum available on the Family Resources Page of our website: www.topekacollegiate.org.



QUESTIONS?

We welcome input from the Topeka Collegiate community as we embark upon our second year of the Eagles360° Program. Questions or suggestions may be emailed to sayhello@topekacollegiate.org.





PARENTS & VISITORS

We are pleased to once again welcome parents and guests into the building. Upon arrival, individuals will be presented with the following message, which is reinforced in the pledge:

Topeka Collegiate will continue to welcome visitors to campus in a way that respects the health and safety of students, employees, and guests. All visitors will be expected to comply with Topeka Collegiate's guidelines, as well as register their presence on campus at the time of their visit. All individuals, age two years and older, must wear a face covering on our campus.

FACE MASK POLICY

COVID-19 is primarily transmitted by respiratory routes, and masks remain critical to reduce viral spread. A high percentage of our student population is not yet eligible to be vaccinated and it is our responsibility to ensure their health and safety while learning on campus. Therefore, masks are required to be worn within buildings by all persons over the age of two regardless of vaccination status.

- Face masks must be clean and may be reusable or disposable.
- Families are expected to provide their student's masks.
- We recommend families consider purchasing clear, plastic masks, if possible, to enhance communication and learning.

There will be times that wearing a mask will not be required. Such as:

- At a lunch table and while eating/drinking
- If in a room alone or with persons who reside in same household
- Rest and nap time in early childhood classrooms
- When outside
- When six feet apart from other individuals

EXPANDED COVID-19 TESTING STRATEGY

Testing identifies infected individuals who may be contagious so that measures can be taken to prevent transmission. Students and staff must opt-in with informed consent to participate in testing. In 2020-2021, we served as a pilot project for conducting regular testing. Due to our success, we are able to expand our testing strategy as outlined below.

Ongoing COVID-19 Testing

All unvaccinated staff and students will have the opportunity to participate in regular screening similar to the testing conducted during the previous school year. If the Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) Summary Index is “Low,” testing may be reduced to 15% of the school population, notably students participating in choir, physical education, and athletics.

- Testing method: PCR (lab-based) saliva-based testing
- Frequency: Determined by SCHD Summary Index

On-demand Symptomatic Testing

We can test any symptomatic staff member or student, with consent, throughout the school year, upon the recommendation of the Health Room Coordinator.

- Testing method: BinaxNow Rapid Antigen Testing (onsite/nasal-swab) or PCR (lab-based) saliva-based testing. The type of testing will be determined by the Health Room Coordinator
- Frequency: Ongoing; as needed

Key Event Testing

Testing will be provided during key events throughout the school year.

- Testing method: PCR (lab-based) saliva-based testing
- Frequency: first day of school and return from school breaks

Additional Testing (if/when funding becomes available)

At the time of the publication, we have not received a formal notification of additional funding approval. However, it appears likely. The additional testing provided with these funds would allow us to test staff or students in Quarantine. Results would be onsite and received immediately.

We anticipate that in addition to the COVID-19 testing capabilities, this funding would provide for flu and strep rapid tests for symptomatic individuals, if recommended by the Health Room Coordinator. We will provide a update if/when this additional testing becomes available.

BACK TO SCHOOL TESTING

The first round of testing will be a take home test. Kits will be available for at-home testing on the following dates:

- **Pick-Up:** August 12 and 13 (Hope and Dreams Conferences)
- **Return:** August 16 between 8 AM-Noon (Meet the Teacher and Classroom Visits)

Parents/guardians should follow the instructions provided in the kits and register their kit online prior to return their kit.

THE EAGLES360° SCHOOL DAY

- All students will be asked to review an updated version of the **Freedom with Responsibility** Pledge on the first day of school (see attached).
- Please remind your student to sanitize their hands upon arrival at school.
- Throughout the school day, students will use hand sanitizer or wash their hands on an hourly basis.
- All classes begin at 8:15 AM and dismiss at 3:30 PM. We will no longer have staggered start times. We invite you to enter the school building between 8:05-8:15 AM during drop-off and between 3:25-3:35 PM for pick-up.
- While a second mask is still welcome for the afternoon, it is not required.
- Students should continue to bring their refillable water bottles each day.
- Prekindergarten students will continue to eat lunch in the classroom.
- Lunchroom capacity will continue to be reduced to ensure spacing. Therefore, we are still unable to allow outside guests during the lunch hour.
- We will once again have Beforecare, starting at 7:35 AM, in Room 112.
- Aftercare begins at 3:35 PM and concludes promptly at 5:25 PM. Parents may enter the building through the main school entrance to pick-up their child from Aftercare in Room 112.
- We look forward to once again hosting assemblies throughout the school year. Stay tuned for more information and dates for your calendar!

VACCINATIONS

We are pleased to report that 98% of our staff are fully vaccinated. Our teachers and staff want to be on campus full-time and want all students and their families to stay healthy and safe. Therefore, they hope each eligible member of our school community will join us in getting vaccinated. Email sayhello@topekacollegiate.org to request a list of vaccination locations.

