



Centennial Academy Pandemic Policy

The Governing Board of Centennial Academy adopts the following policy, effective on the date of adoption by the Board. If applicable, once adopted this policy replaces any previously approved school policy currently in place that provided direction on the items in this policy.

SECTION 1. The Governing board of Centennial Academy recognizes that during a global crisis or pandemic, the school must move quickly to react and protect staff and scholars.

SECTION 2. Definitions

State of Emergency: a situation of national danger or disaster in which a government suspends normal constitutional procedures in order to regain control.

Closure of the school: Removal of all scholars and staff for an extended period of time. Scholars and staff are not allowed access to the building. This may or may not include off site/virtual learning.

Long Term Closure of the school: For the purposes of this policy, a closure that exceeds one week and is not covered under weather related closure.

Short Term Closure of the school: For the purposes of this policy, a closure that is less than one week and is not covered under weather related closure.

SECTION 3. The Board authorizes the Head of School to close school in the event of global, national, state or school level health emergency that presents a threat to the safety of scholars, and/or school staff as well under state of emergency declarations from state and federal authorities.

SECTION 4. The board authorizes the Head of School to reopen the school when the state and/or federal state of emergency is complete or when it is deemed that reopening will not pose a threat to the safety of scholars and/or staff, unless the reopening is in conflict with the annual academic calendar, in which case the board must approve, as the board must approve any changes to the academic calendar.

SECTION 5. The board tasks the Head of School to create instructional and operational procedures designed to be implemented in case of a pandemic which includes remote learning and/or off site continuation of instruction. The procedures are required to follow Atlanta Public Schools Guidelines based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Public Health (DPH) Guidance. These procedures must be reviewed annually.