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ECSD (FLA) Updates Guidelines for Student Events

Escambia County School Superintendent Tim Smith announced to principals that he has reviewed the protocol for student events and has decided to make some updates.

"The new change is that ECSD schools are now able to be hold student events following the same guidelines as athletic events. This includes allowing 50% capacity of audience attendance," Superintendent Smith told principals.

Smith added, "These activities, such as fine arts performances, must be voluntary for all with no impact on student grades."

The use of masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing are to be adhered to at all events.

"If someone is uncomfortable performing or attending, they should not come to the event. Schools also may explore options for virtual ways to share these events whenever possible, either live or by posting video recordings," added Superintendent Smith.

When possible, schools are encouraged to hold events outside. Each school will review their calendar and notify parents of updates.

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