Back to School with PAX

PAX Vision

This is a strategy your child's teacher used to set clear expectations of everything we want more or less of in a given activity. PAX Vision allows all students to engage in establishing expectations. This ensures that everyone is on the same page about what to do and what to avoid.

Why students will need PAX Vision upon their return:

Many students in quarantine lacked adequate adult supervision or clear expectations. Many likely felt quite powerless to affect the environment they were in. Using the PAX Vision will restore their ability to take an active role in setting expectations for their own outcomes. The PAX Vision is also a vital tool in collaborating to adopt new guidelines to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Changes you may need to consider for using PAX Vision upon your return:

- Include washing and disinfecting hands frequently as part of the overall class vision to keep each other safe.
- Use more contextual or situational visions to establish safe guidelines in each setting.
- Ask students to come up with areas or items to avoid in situational visions. For example, students should keep PAX Hands while walking out the doorway and avoid touching the doorframe.
- Be sure to use the PAX Vision to establish appropriate spacing for students in each setting.

PAX Vision helps students right away:

- They will cooperate more consistently with expectations.
- They will complete requests with less reminding or nagging.
- They will have less conflict with peers and adults at school.

PAX Vision helps students in the long run:

- They will stop and think before engaging in new or potentially dangerous activities.
- They will take responsibility in making positive choices and avoiding negative choices.

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