This year, Envision by WorldStrides will be implementing a pod model structure. This requires sub-groups of students, who will regularly interact closely with one another, to remain together for various events in the program schedule. With guidance provided by our Doctors on Call team at The George Washington University, this method has been implemented to minimize exposure and reduce the transmission of infection during a potential outbreak of a contagious disease. Pods will be broken down into various function levels, as outlined below.

# **ROOMMATE PODS**

- Students are assigned to be roomed with 1-3 other students.
- Roommate pods will experience all program components together.
- Students will receive roommate assignments during program registration on arrival day.
- Roommate requests can be submitted on your **MyEnvisionExperience.com** page.

# **SMALL GROUP PODS**

- Within the classroom group, activities may require small group work.
- Roommate pods are prioritized to create small groups.
- If a larger small group is needed (4 or more students), roommate pods will be combined to create the necessary size.
- Students will work in the same small group pods for the duration of the program.

#### **CLASSROOM PODS**

- Classroom pods will be composed of multiple roommate and small group pods and will experience most of the program events together.
- Students will receive classroom assignments during program registration on arrival day. Roommate requests will carry over to classroom pod assignments.
- Daily temperature checks and self-screenings will be conducted within each classroom pod.
- For meals, students will eat with roommates and/or small group pods while maintaining physical appropriate distance from other students. Pods may eat in the classroom, dining hall, or outdoors.

## LARGE PROGRAM EVENTS

- During speaking events or simulations that require multiple classroom pods to be in the same space, each classroom pod will sit together while maintaining physical distance of 6-8 ft. from other classroom pods.
- If this pod division cannot be achieved in one large events space, the event may be broadcast or streamed to individual classroom spaces or take place outdoors.

## FIELD EXCURSIONS (WHERE APPLICABLE)

- Two classroom pods will share a motor coach bus with two empty rows between classroom pods.
- During site visits, students will be either in their roommate pod, small group pod, or classroom pod and be asked to maintain appropriate distance from other pods and the public.
- If eating offsite, students will eat within their roommate pods.

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