

# STAFF AND STUDENT FACE COVERING EXPECTATIONS

## PURPOSE

To reduce the spread of the pandemic (COVID-19), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that a face covering be worn in public settings when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. The district will consider the circumstances in the community and consult local health officials for the implementation of this policy.

## Face Covering Requirements

Face coverings will not be so extreme or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the educational process as determined by the administration. Face coverings will not display emblems related to alcohol, illegal or abusive substances, gangs, violence, sex, or obscenities. Face coverings may have school approved/manufactured logos on them.

## Expectations for Students...

All students from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade will wear face coverings while on district property, on district transportation, or attending a school related activity (e.g. athletic events, field trips, etc.). Certain classes or activities may be granted a limited exception to this requirement at the discretion of the superintendent or his/her designee. The district will provide face coverings to students and expects that reusable face coverings will be washed regularly to ensure maximum protection. The face coverings required herein shall be exempt from the prohibition on head coverings set forth in Policy JICA. Students may wear face shields in addition to, but not in place of, face coverings. Exceptions for wearing a face covering may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- Mealtimes or other times when students are eating or drinking
- Outdoor recess where students can maintain a physical distance of at least six (6) feet
- Administration of medication or medical treatment
- Other areas where social distancing guidelines can be met and deemed appropriate by district administration



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## DEFINITIONS

A face covering is a uniform piece of fabric, cloth, or other material that fully and securely covers the wearer's nose, mouth, and chin simultaneously and is secured to the wearer's face by elastic, ties, or other means. Acceptable face coverings may be homemade, and they may be reusable or disposable. Face shields are not "face coverings" for the purpose of this definition.

*Refer to Temporary Policy ADD Issued 9/20*

## STAFF REQUIREMENTS

Staff members will wear a face covering while on district property or conducting business on behalf of the district off district property (e.g. driving a bus, conducting a home visit, supervising athletic events, etc.). Staff members include, but are not limited to, salaried and hourly employees, school volunteers, student teachers, and interns. The district will provide face coverings to staff members and expects that reusable face coverings will be washed regularly to ensure maximum protection.

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