



# LAVACA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ON WEARING MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

In consideration of the recommendations and guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Arkansas Department of Health, and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Arkansas; and in accordance with the District's policies governing the wearing of personal protective equipment and the District's Communicable Disease Exposure Prevention Plan, the Board is adopting the following Emergency Procedures for all students and employees of the District.

### STUDENTS

Until further action of the Board, all students in kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to wear a mask or face covering (a) while attending school or a school function in any school building, facility or other area of a school campus, and (b) when riding in school-provided transportation. All masks and face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the student. This Emergency Procedure applies to students waiting outside school buildings before and after school, and to students waiting at bus stops. Students shall wear masks and face coverings at all times except for the following:

- Students may remove masks and face coverings for eating or drinking;
- Students may remove masks and face coverings when appropriate social distancing measures are in place as determined by a teacher or school administrator;
- Students may be exempted from this Emergency Procedure by the school principal due to a documented medical condition of the student;
- Students may remove masks and face coverings on a case-by-case basis for specific instructional needs, including physical education activities, as determined by a teacher, in which case the teacher will require appropriate social distancing measures to the extent possible; or
- Students may be exempted from this Emergency Procedures due to special behavioral or individualized needs as determined by the Director of Special Education or the Executive Director of Student Services.

Students who refuse to wear a mask or face covering at school or at a school function under this Emergency Procedure shall be subject to discipline consistent with District Policy and exclusion from on-site instruction.

