

Vermilion Parish School Board
Face-Covering Policy
7/17/2020

Effective during the COVID-19 Epidemic (Phase 2 and 3) and is subject to change with government, LDOE, and CDC recommendations.

In order to minimize exposure to COVID-19 the following, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is needed to prevent certain exposures. VPSB PPE requirements include:

- **Face Covering:**
 - Face coverings are an important part of our protection against the spread of COVID-19, as well as, personal hygiene, social distancing, and enhanced cleaning efforts.
 - Masks shall be worn by all VPSB employees at all times while on campus, including instructional delivery.
 - Students in grades 3 and above will be required to wear a mask at all times while on the bus and on campus.
 - Face coverings are required for everyone 3rd grade and above **except** for the following:
 - Anyone who has a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering
 - Anyone who is consuming a drink or food
 - Anyone who is trying to communicate with a person who is hearing impaired
 - Anyone who is giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience
 - If not wearing a mask during instructional delivery, teachers must maintain a minimum 6 foot distance, wear a face shield, and teach from a stationary location.
 - Masks are strongly recommended for children ages 2 to 7 (Early Childhood – 2nd grade)

- **Vulnerable Individuals:**
 - VPSB employees who are considered at-risk, as outlined by the CDC recommendations, may be exempt from the mask requirement upon presentation of a doctor's excuse to their Principal and VPSB Risk Manager.
 - Students who are considered at-risk, as outlined by the CDC recommendations, may be exempt from the mask requirement upon presentation of a doctor's excuse to their Principal

**Social distancing should still be practiced to the maximum extent possible even with the use of face covering/mask.

Allowable Face Coverings:

Cloth, disposable, clear window masks and neck gaiters are allowed. Face shields in conjunction with masks are allowable. Bandanas are not allowed.

Emblems and/or insignias that promote profanity, obscenity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, wrestling related symbols, or hate type slogans, or politically divisive language and/or symbols etc. are prohibited.

Proper Wear:

Face coverings should be worn as to cover both nose and mouth.

***The final decision as to the appropriateness of face coverings will be made by the principal.*

Guidelines for Non-Compliance (Refusal):

1st offense – Verbal Warning

2nd offense – Parent Conference

3rd offense – Detention

4th offense - Students who continue to refuse to wear a face covering as outlined in the VPSB face-covering policy will be required to enroll in Virtual Vermilion.

This face-covering policy is mandatory for grades 3rd– 12th.