

FACE MASKS

Students in grades PreK-3 are required to wear a face mask in all hallways and while being transported by school vehicle.

Students in grades 4-12 shall be required to wear a face mask while being transported by school vehicle, in all hallways, classrooms where social distancing is not possible, public spaces, and common areas of the school district.

Staff will be required to wear a face mask while on school premises as well as office spaces where multiple people are present if social distancing of six feet is not possible. Masks are not required to be worn inside an office where only one person is present but are required in all public and common spaces.

The CDC recommends wearing face masks to contain coughs and sneezes, preventing the spread of germs to other people and nearby surfaces which helps to protect other people. Masks can also help you avoid touching your nose or mouth accidentally. While a face covering does not filter the air you breathe, it may serve as a barrier.

Masks are supplement to, not a substitute for, other preventative measures. They are intended as an added layer of protection on top of social distancing and other common-sense protections like frequent handwashing, the use of hand sanitizer, and staying home when sick or experiencing symptoms of illness.

Face masks should:

- Fit snugly but comfortable against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction

The district will make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for those that are not able to wear a mask due to medical reasons.