



**HARMONY GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2621 HWY 229
BENTON, AR 72015**

On August 26, 2021, the Harmony Grove School Board voted unanimously to require all students, employees, and visitors to wear a face covering (which covers the nose and mouth) while present on a school bus or in a school district building.

- **Masks may be removed while dining but should be worn before eating and replaced as soon as possible after eating.**
- **Masks may be removed for participants during extra-curricular activities including recess, workouts, practices, and ballgames.**

According to CDC guidelines: In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.

This is an effort to minimize the number of students and employees who will be required to quarantine due to exposure. Our goal is to give students the opportunity to attend school for in-person learning and participate in extra-curricular activities.

The current requirement will be reviewed at each board meeting.