

Mask Basics at School

Masks must be worn at all times by all enrolled students, staff, visitors and vendors

Masks may be removed under the following circumstances:

- Outside AND 6-foot distancing is maintained
- While eating/drinking AND maintaining 6-foot distancing
- In a room alone with a door

Acceptable masks are:

- Store bought or homemade cloth masks
- Disposable (surgical type) masks
- Neck gaiters that can be pulled up to fit tightly around the nose and mouth
- Bandanas/any cloth face coverings that can be worn tightly over the nose and mouth
- N95 masks or KN95 masks without valves (these are not needed for normal daily use, but if this is what you have bought, you may use them). N95s are only effective when fit tested and a cleaning protocol is established.

Masks with valves are **NOT** acceptable and will not be allowed. A replacement mask will be given for those who arrive at school with valved masks. The purpose of a mask is to be a barrier to prevent droplets from being exhaled. The valves allow you to exhale your breath into the air defeating the purpose of a mask.

Your mask should:

- Cover your nose and mouth at all times
- Not fall down
- Fit snug to your face with no gaps
- Be comfortable so you are able to wear it all day
- Not hurt your ears
- Meet school dress code (no inappropriate images/words on mask)

Proper way to put on and take off your mask

- Sanitize your hands before putting on your mask
- Put your mask on using the ear loops
- Make sure it covers your nose completely and fits snugly, adjust as needed
- Sanitize your hands after touching your mask
- Remove your mask using the ear loops
- Put your mask on your lanyard or into a paper bag
- Sanitize your hands when finished

Do not share your mask with others.

Masks that become visibly soiled or wet should be changed. Bring an extra mask per day. If you don't have another mask, a disposable mask will be provided to you.

Face shields are not an acceptable face covering alone and should always be worn with a mask. Consider a clear mask that still meets the criteria of fitting snug to the face.

Please have your student start practicing wearing their mask for longer periods of time each day.