

# Face Coverings Policy

It is the policy of the Board that all students, staff, visitors, and vendors shall wear an approved face covering while on campus when they are unable to maintain six feet of physical distancing unless an approved exemption applies. Students and faculty and staff shall also wear an approved face covering while off-campus for school-related business when they are unable to maintain six feet of physical distancing unless an exemption exists. This policy shall be in effect until repealed by action of the Board of Directors.

Acceptable Face Coverings: Cloth face masks that cover the wearer's mouth and nose, and should:

- Conform to the dress code and face coverings procedures laid out by the administration
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for easy breathing
- Have the ability to be wash and dried without incurring damage or change to the shape
- Be washed after each use

***For students, face coverings may be solid in color or a pattern design with no text or offensive or inappropriate images or graphics. Face covering designs should not detract from the learning environment.***

Unacceptable Face Coverings:

- Masks that do not have ties or ear loops (i.e. a folded piece of cloth that is attached to the face with rubber bands)
- "Buffs"
- Bandanas
- Masks with valves (single or double)
- Using one's shirt or other apparel to temporarily cover your mouth/nose

Approved Exemptions:

- Persons actively eating or drinking.
- Persons for whom a face covering would cause an impairment due to an existing health condition (certified by a doctor's note).
- Persons observing physical distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Persons who need to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired and needs to see the person's mouth to communicate.
- Teachers and students when face coverings would be a material impediment to instruction.
- Persons participating in recess and physical education classes while maintaining physical distancing.

Non-Compliance (for those without documented exemptions):

- Students who refuse to wear an acceptable face covering will receive appropriate corrective action. If the issue persists, the school shall work with families to identify alternative learning pathways.
- Faculty and Staff who fail to wear an acceptable face-covering shall be reminded (verbally or in writing) of the Board policy on face coverings. Continued non-compliance may result in corrective action, up to and including termination.
- Visitors who refuse to wear an acceptable face covering may be asked to leave and may be barred from returning to the campus in the future.

Face Shields: Face shields may be worn in addition to the face coverings laid out under the "Acceptable Face Coverings" section above.

Other Face Coverings: Anyone wishing to wear a different face covering, for medical reasons, must receive permission from the administration. The administration shall review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Sources:

- [CDC Guidance Regarding Face Masks](#)
- [CDC-How to Wear Cloth Face Covering](#)
- [CDC-How to Wash Cloth Face Covering](#)
- [FAU Study Regarding Effectiveness of Different Face Coverings](#)