



Face Covering Exceptions For Transportation (2021-2022)

Effective January 29, 2021, the CDC issued a federal “Order” requiring face coverings on all “conveyances” within limited exceptions such as private vehicles. The federal government clearly takes the position that school buses (yellow and activity) are covered by the CDC Order. Federal law takes precedence over any State law, guidance or recommendations and the federal CDC Order does mandate the use of face coverings on school buses. Face coverings are optional at school but required on the bus. However, a parent/guardian may request a face covering exception for the following reasons:

- Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
- Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance
- Anyone who cannot tolerate a cloth face covering due to developmental, medical or behavioral health needs

Procedure for request/approval of a face mask exception:

1. Parent/Guardian will request the exception in writing by completing the attached form.
2. The request will be forwarded to the school counselor. A committee, including the school nurse, will be convened in order to review the request and any supporting documentation. Other members of this team will include the child’s teacher (EC teacher if applicable), school counselor, administrator, and parent/guardian.
3. Medical documentation or other documentation to support the need for the exception will be required for review at the meeting.
4. If the request is to be honored, the team should discuss whether alternate modifications (ex. Modified face coverings, mask breaks or face shields) provide sufficient protection to peers and staff.
5. Teams are not required to agree with the parent/guardian request, which may mean the team determines that the student cannot be safely served in school at this time.
6. If a child already has a 504 or IEP, those teams will meet to discuss any additions or revisions that will be made to the existing plans to accommodate the exception or if an additional plan will be needed.
7. A parent/guardian who requests an exception, on behalf of the student, based on a temporary or transient condition may not qualify as a student with a disability and may be required to participate in virtual instruction.



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Please complete this form if you are requesting that your child not wear a mask during the school day.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

School:

___CES ___GES ___JES ___KIES ___MES

___SES ___MMS ___CCMS ___CCHS ___JPK

My child is unable to wear a mask because: _____

***Attach supporting documentation.**

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (SIGN): _____