

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING PANDEMIC

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The School Board is committed to operating its schools and facilities in a manner consistent with guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and other relevant public health officials throughout the global COVID-19 pandemic.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the District will follow CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and wearing masks or cloth face coverings (hereinafter collectively “masks”). Students, employees, parents, vendors, and visitors to School Board facilities must all comply with this policy while present on School Board property.

Effective immediately, masks must be worn when social distancing of at least six feet between individuals is not possible. When social distancing of at least six feet is possible, masks may be removed in accordance with present CDC guidance.

Students are required to wear a mask that best meets their individual needs as provided by their parent or guardian. Students who struggle with this requirement will be provided additional help and support.

Flexibility will be shown for students in pre-kindergarten through second grade. If a student is in need of a mask that has been forgotten, lost, or damaged, the District will provide one. Parents and guardians of students with a medical exemption for wearing a mask, or for whom mask wearing is not recommended, should provide documentation to the school principal. Documentation can be in the form of a note/letter from a licensed medical professional or special services therapist or provider who treats the child. If alternative safety measures are recommended by the CDC or the student’s healthcare provider(s), the student will be required to follow the alternative measures.

Employees with a medical exemption for wearing a mask, or for whom mask wearing is not recommended, should provide documentation to their immediate supervisor. Documentation can be in the form of a note/letter from a licensed medical professional who treats the employee. If alternative safety measures are recommended by the CDC or the employee’s healthcare provider(s), the employee will be required to follow the alternative measures.

In the event that CDC guidance significantly changes throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the School Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to modify compliance requirements in accordance with then-current guidance from public health officials.

Unless action is taken by the School Board to extend this policy, it shall automatically lapse and be removed from these rules on June 30, 2021.