

Iberia R-V Mask Policy
Effective November 30, 2020

In an effort to lessen the spread of COVID-19 and to reduce quarantine numbers, the following rules for mask use apply:

On the Bus: Masks will be worn at all times on a school bus. Students must have a mask to board the bus.

In the Building: Students and staff are required to wear face masks while on the move through the building. This includes hallways during transition times, arrival and dismissal, and in restrooms and locker rooms. Visitors will be required to wear masks while inside our buildings.

In the Classroom: Masks are expected to be worn at all times, unless otherwise directed by the teacher. This includes while seated at a desk, engaging in learning stations or group work, and when entering and leaving a classroom. Additional guidance will be provided to teachers about situations where masks may be removed, particularly in situations where social distancing can be maintained.

In the Halls: Mask must be worn in hallways when others are present. This especially includes passing time and when standing in line.

At Lunch: Masks must be worn when transitioning to and from mealtimes. Masks may be removed while eating and drinking, then promptly put back on when finished. Masks are required when socializing at lunch. Students will be separated at lunch to ensure adequate social distancing.

At Recess: Students will have recess with their assigned group in their assigned area. When recess is indoors, masks will be worn. When recess is outdoors, masks may be removed at the direction of the teacher when physical distancing is possible and followed.

In P.E.: Masks are required indoors except during strenuous activity when physical distancing is possible. For higher impact activities, students who need to remove their mask will step away from others to catch their breath.

In Music Classes: Masks are required in music classes unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Unless a mask has to be removed while playing an instrument, the student should be masked.

Medical Exemptions: Anyone with special medical or behavioral needs may be exempt from wearing a mask. Such exemption will only be granted with appropriate, acceptable medical documentation from a physician.

Mask Breaks: Opportunities will be available throughout the day for masks to be temporarily removed. No one will be expected to wear a mask constantly the entire day.

Acceptable Masks: Only cloth or medical grade masks meeting CDC guidance align with this policy. Masks made of mesh or other similar materials do not qualify. Gaiters and bandanas qualify as long as they are at least 2-ply.

No Mask: Masks are required to attend school. Students or staff without a face covering will be provided one and asked to wear it.

Consequences for Refusal to Mask: Counseling education will be the initial intervention for those refusing to wear a mask. Since masks are required to attend school on-site, continued refusal to wear a mask will result in placement in distance education.