

Masks/Mask Breaks
4/26/21

We will continue to follow the expected state guidelines for mask wearing. Staff and students are expected to wear masks at all times of the day.

Mask Break guidance is as follows:

“In addition to the time during which students may be eating or drinking with a minimum of 6’ physical distancing, school staff may offer highly-structured and well supervised mask breaks during the school day. Such mask breaks should be limited to 5 minutes each, up to a maximum of 15 minutes per day. Breaks should take place in a classroom cohort when possible. During mask breaks, individuals:

- Must be stationary, ideally seated – or standing still if outdoors. Mask breaks should no longer take place during free-play/recess.
- Must be at least 6 feet from one another
- Should be facing the same direction
- Should not engage in conversation or other activity that could spread the virus (silent reading or a writing prompt or other individual activity is ideal) (**Updated 12/11/20**).”

Mask breaks will happen at natural times of the day (breakfast, snack, lunch, drinks) then teachers will follow the state guidance and schedule these during opportune times within their classroom schedules. This guidance on mask breaks has been in effect since December. I am confident that our students will continue to be successful with this for our last 6 weeks of school.