



SCHUYLER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



-----2021-22 Return-to-Learn Plan-----

Mask Guidelines

Due to the increasing numbers of Covid 19, Covid 19 Variant, and the potential cases of influenza, strep throat, etc. SCS will be implementing some triggers for instituting a mask mandate for our students and staff.

SCS cannot and will not be asking about health conditions and vaccination status, each person and family should exercise any additional precautions they see fit to be in attendance at school. We need both the community and parents' help to curb the spread of illnesses.

While masks are not mandated, employees and students who would like to wear them are encouraged to do so.

If mandated, mask-wearing or other precautions WILL NOT be optional. There will be no contact tracing done by SCS, the health district, or any other medical institution. This is our best way of stopping community spread while still allowing students, staff, and families the freedoms they wish to keep regarding masks.

MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED AND NOT REQUIRED PK-12

Unless the board of education authorizes it's obligation through statute:

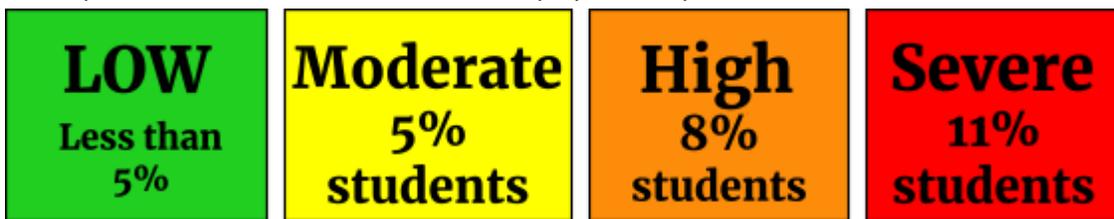
79-526. Class III or IV school district; school board; schools; supervision and control; powers.

(1) The school board or board of education of a Class III or IV school district has responsibility for the general care and upkeep of the schools, shall provide the necessary supplies and equipment, and, except as otherwise provided, has the power to cause pupils to be taught in such branches and classified in such grades or departments as may seem best adapted to a course of study which the board shall establish with the consent and advice of the State Department of Education. The board shall make provision for pupils that may enter at any time during the school year. The board shall have a record kept of the advancement of all pupils in each branch of study. **The board shall make rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the government and health of the pupils and devise any means as may seem best to secure the regular attendance and progress of children at school.**

What will trigger a mandate?

Our absentee rate for ANY ILLNESS that exceeds 8% across the district will result in a District Wide mask mandate for 15 school days (3 weeks) or until the rate subsides under the 8% if longer than 3 weeks.

An absentee rate at 11% or above will result in a 48-72 hour shutdown of school to deep clean buildings. This will also result in a mandatory mask mandate for 15 school days (3 weeks) or until the rate subsides below 8%.



At 8% Absenteeism on Wednesday 12pm attendance Due to Illness in the District...

Numbers are reported at 12pm every Wednesday, Previously posted @ 10am for more accuracy and accountability we have now gone to noon for our posting times.

- We will be social distancing during lunch hours for at least the period of 3 weeks
- Only immediate family will be allowed into the buildings during regular school hours.
- Increased restrictions on school visitors and spectators at school events.
- Indoor activities requirements may be handled differently than outdoor activities.

What does 8% look like???

- District Wide PK-12 - 8% - 153 students (Approx. 1920 total students)
- Elementary - 8% - 62 students (Approx. 779 total students)
- Middle School - 8% - 34 students (Approx. 435 total students)
- High School - 8% - 48 students (Approx. 605 total students)