

Now therefore be it resolved that we, the Dermott School Board,

1. Will require masks to be worn only when indoors and when 6 feet social distance cannot be maintained and masks must be worn on buses.
2. Students or individuals with a medical condition or disabilities diagnosed by a physician will not be required to wear face coverings. Parents will need to send a doctor's excuse to the principal.
3. The Dermott School Board will review pertinent data monthly and make changes accordingly.

ADOPTED THIS THE 10th DAY OF August, 2021

Stephanie Jones
BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Lexa McMichael
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dermott School District Mask Resolution September 9, 2021

Whereas, On August 6, 2021, Judge Tim Fox issued a temporary restraining order that prohibits the enforcement of Act 1002 of 2021 pending continuing court proceedings. Under the order, there can be no enforcement action taken against any school district or charter school that adopts or implements a requirement to use masks/face coverings.

Whereas, Arkansas and Chicot County is experiencing a public-health emergency due to COVID-19 and is the epicenter of the highly contagious new Delta variant, and

Whereas, the new Delta variant has caused an increase in the number of children in Arkansas who have been hospitalized, placed on ventilators, and have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control, the Arkansas Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that children return to in-person education where it is safe to do so, and the Dermott School Board recognizes the importance of in-person learning, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and the Arkansas Department of Health recommend that masks should be worn indoors by all individuals older than the age of two (2) who are not vaccinated, while the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that everyone older than the age of two (2) should wear a mask in school regardless of vaccination status, and

Whereas, masks have been proven to reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and are a necessary tool for protecting those not yet eligible for vaccination, and

Whereas, the Dermott School Board believes that local communities should be empowered to implement common-sense public-health precautions, including requiring masks, in order to keep their students and employees safe and healthy, and

Whereas, Dermott School Board would immediately institute a mask mandate for employees and students in all K-12 schools within the district,

Whereas, This Mask mandate is subject for review monthly by the Dermott School Board, and changes may be made accordingly.