

Guidelines for NC Masks

This recommendation is based on being in low transmission and if we move to moderate or high transmission, we will reevaluate with medical professional input.			
PS & K Students	Grades 1-5 Students	Grades 6-12 Students	Staff
<p>Masks are optional.</p> <p>They are strongly recommended for common areas and other places where mixed ages of students are together.</p> <p><i>*Masks WILL BE REQUIRED for PS & K students if they choose to send their child to the after school program, TLC, and/or ride the school bus.</i></p>	<p>Masks are required in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Buses ● Common areas of the school (hallways, library, etc.) ● Small group instruction ● Group work activities ● Music (unless held outside or 6 ft social distancing can occur) <p>Masks are optional during other parts of the day.</p>	<p>Masks are required unless 6 ft of social distancing can occur or outside.</p> <p>Due to classroom numbers/size, most classrooms will not allow for this; therefore, mask breaks must be provided.</p> <p>Masks do not need to be worn during the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eating/drinking ● Physical activity that raises heart rate & breathing 	<p>Masks are required unless 6 ft of social distancing can occur or outside.</p> <p>Teachers may do whole class instruction without a mask as long as he/she can maintain a 6 ft distance from students.</p>
<p>The benefits of wearing the masks may be mitigated by the ages of the students due to increased touching of the face.</p>	<p>These students have relatively stable grade level cohort groups and interact with fewer students from other grade levels and fewer staff.</p>	<p>These students have less stable cohorts and interact with more students and staff throughout the day.</p>	