



## Boise School District Face Covering Procedure

Face coverings that completely cover the person's nose and mouth are required for all students, staff, and visitors while inside all District schools/facilities, including school buses. Face masks are preferred to a face shield.

In keeping with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) recommendations](#), [Central District Health](#) recommends universal indoor masking\* for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Cloth face coverings are preferred as the main protection, however face shields are acceptable for learners who need to see mouth formations, for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and for other educational purposes. Face shields should be an exception, not the norm. **Note: Face shields may not protect students or staff from having to quarantine in cases of exposure.**

Under District Policy 3223, "the Board requires every student to dress in a manner that provides for a safe and healthy school environment." Under Idaho Code 33-512(11) and District Policy 5234, the Principal or site administrator has the power and duty to prohibit entrance and/or provide for the removal from any District premise or any District sponsored activity, regardless of location, any individual or individuals whose presence is detrimental to the health or safety of students or other individuals.

The only exceptions to this District procedure will be for a valid medical condition. Persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a mask may be accommodated under the Section 504 Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Medical documentation and/or a request for accommodation shall be required for students and staff (i.e. diagnosis, 504 team evaluation, IEP team evaluation, or ADA interactive process etc.). For students, documentation and/or a request for accommodation shall be submitted to the building nurse. For staff, medical documents shall be submitted through the ADA process with the Human Resources Department. For parents and the general public, checking in at the front desk of each school/District facility will be required to provide an opportunity to reasonably accommodate access.

At the teacher's discretion, and with principal approval, a teacher may allow clear masks or face shields to be worn where seeing the face is necessary for teaching and learning.

Discipline for refusing to wear a face covering will be handled by the Principal or Administrator of each building, and involve existing District disciplinary processes. Visitors, parents, students or staff who do not wear a face covering may be denied school attendance, or trespassed, or both. A student removed from a school based upon District Policy 5234 may be provided an alternative educational placement with Boise Online School.