

MASKS & FACE COVERINGS



REQUIRED FOR GRADES K-12 WHEN SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT AN OPTION

At Ozark School District we are utilizing a layering approach to ensure the greatest amount of safety for students and staff. We have the ability to lower the risk of that exposure through multiple steps:

- 1) Monitor your health & protect yourself outside of school by minimizing your risk of exposure
- 2) Social distancing - Staying 6 feet apart is the best way to eliminate the risk of exposure
- 3) Face coverings - When social distancing is not an option, this is our best line of defense
- 4) Exposure time (15 minutes or longer) - The level of risk increases the longer groups are in close proximity
- 5) Disinfecting & hand washing

IN THE BUILDING



- Students and staff are required to wear face coverings while on the move through the building
 - High traffic areas (hallways during transition, offices, etc.)
 - Arrival & dismissal
 - Restrooms & locker rooms
- Visitors are required to wear face coverings while inside our buildings

IN THE CLASSROOM



- Students & staff are required to wear face coverings if social distancing is not an option

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



- Students are NOT required to wear face coverings during physical activity
 - PE, outdoor recess, athletics & activities

ON THE BUS



- Students and staff are required to wear a face covering while on the bus if social distancing is not an option
- Bus drivers will wear a face covering while students are loading/unloading, but not while driving

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS



- Any student with special behavioral or individualized medical needs as determined by the IEP Team, 504 Plan or individualized health plan will NOT be required to wear a face covering
- Staff with proper medical documentation will NOT be required to wear a face covering

IN THE CAFETERIA



- Students and staff are required to wear face coverings in the cafeteria while
 - Waiting in line & socializing
- Face coverings are NOT required while eating & drinking

NO MASK



- Students or staff without a face covering will be provided one & asked to wear it

MASK RELIEF

Everyone needs a break from wearing face coverings, so here is our approach to make this happen:

- Desk spacing - Students may remove face coverings in classrooms where desks are appropriately spaced.
- Barriers - Clear barriers are being created for classrooms when social distancing is not an option due to size or seating type. Through a classroom priority schedule, this initiative will continue through the fall.
- Small groups - Within a class, teachers may create small groups (two students sitting side by side or a single table of students for instance) that can remove face coverings when together, provided they are socially distanced from other groups. This small group will not change for the duration of the class. The groups will be required to wear a face covering anytime they are mixing with other students. This does increase the level of exposure among the small group, but not with the remainder of the class.
- Outdoor instruction - Teachers may use outdoor instruction with social distancing to allow students to remove face coverings.