

## **North Knox School Corporation Face Covering Policy**

In light of the ongoing public health emergency and pursuant to the most recent Executive Order by Governor Eric Holcomb, all NKSC students grades 3-12 (strongly recommended for children ages 2-7) and all staff are required to wear face coverings when school resumes on August 11, 2020. This order is also in effect for all public indoor spaces throughout the State of Indiana.

*A face covering is defined as a reusable cloth mask, disposable mask, school-approved clear face shield, N95 mask, gaiter or any other device that covers the nose and mouth. Masks with 1-way valves that only provide protection to the wearer are prohibited.*

The following requirements will be in place until officially lifted by future Executive Order of the Governor:

### Students and Staff

- Face coverings will be worn at all times in the following scenarios:
  - Entering and leaving the building
  - Transitioning in hallways
  - Standing in line
  - Sitting in close proximity to others when physical distancing cannot be met
  - In restrooms
  - On the school bus
    - Students will be given 3 opportunities to comply with mandatory face covering requirement on school buses.
      - First Offense – Warning - Call to parent.
      - Second Offense – Warning – Call to parent
      - Third Offense – Student prohibited from riding the bus for 5 school days
      - Fourth Offense - Student prohibited from riding the bus for the rest of the academic semester
  
- Exceptions include:
  - Sitting at desks when social distancing is possible (3 feet between students where they are positioned in the same direction-per Governor’s guidance)
  - Eating or drinking
  - Classes being held outside or that promote physical activity such as P.E.
  - Outdoor/indoor play in large spaces such as recess
  - Strenuous physical activity such as athletics
  - If deemed necessary for instructional purposes – to be approved by the building principal
  - Other health related concerns as documented by a physician
  - As needed to meet goals and objectives on an Individual Education Plan
  
- Opportunities to safely unmask will be provided throughout the day.

NKSC will be providing every student and staff with a cloth mask. Appropriate care is the responsibility of the student or staff member. Students and staff may also provide their own face coverings. Limited disposable masks will be available on an emergency basis.

**This requirement will be part of all NKSC student conduct expectation. Failure to comply with this State and District mandate may result in disciplinary consequences.**