



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Wearing Masks and Face Coverings

The Board of Education is mindful of the evolving need for emergency measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In consideration of the recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Sauk County Health Department, the Board is adopting this emergency policy for all students, employees and visitors of River Valley School District.

STUDENTS

Until further action of the Board, all students in 4K through Grade 12 shall be required to wear a mask or face covering:

- (a) While attending school or a school function in any school building, facility or other area of a school campus; and
- (b) When riding in school-provided transportation.

All masks and face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the student. This policy applies to students waiting outside school buildings before and after school, and to students waiting at bus stops on school premises. Students shall wear masks and face coverings at all times except for the following:

- Students may remove masks and face coverings for eating or drinking.
- Students may remove masks and face coverings when appropriate social distancing measures of 6 feet are in place as determined by a ~~teacher or~~ school principal or school nurse.
- Students may be exempted from this policy by a review with the medical advisor and school nurse. Must provide recent medical condition and recommendation from student care provider of reasoning of not being able to wear a face mask.
- Students may remove masks and face coverings on a case-by-case basis for specific instructional needs and other activities, if approved by school principal or school nurse, in which case the teacher will utilize appropriate social distancing measures.
- Students may be exempted from this policy due to special behavioral or individualized needs as determined by the Director of Pupil Services.

Students who refuse to wear a mask or face covering at school or at a school function under this policy shall be required to leave the school campus consistent with Board Policy 443.1 Student Dress Code. Students who refuse to wear a mask or face covering on a school bus shall be subject to Board Policy 443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses.

EMPLOYEES and VOLUNTEERS

Until further action of the Board, all employees of River Valley School District shall be required to wear a mask or face covering while working or attending a school function in any school building, facility or other area of a school campus. All masks and face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the employee. Employees shall wear masks and face coverings at all times, except for the following:

- Employees may remove masks and face coverings for eating and drinking.
- Employees may remove masks and face coverings when appropriate social distancing measures are in place.
- Employees may be exempted from this policy by a review with the District Administrator, medical advisor, and school nurse. Employees must provide recent medical condition and recommendation from their care provider of reasoning of not being able to wear a face mask.
- Employees may remove masks and face coverings on a case-by-case basis for specific instructional needs and other activities. Keep in mind to utilize social distancing of 6 feet.

Employees who refuse to wear a mask or face covering at school or at a school function under this policy shall be subject to Board Policy 536 Professional Staff Evaluation and state laws regarding the evaluation of employee contracts.

VISITORS

Until further action of the Board, all visitors to the River Valley School District shall be required to wear a mask or face covering while present in any school building, facility or other area of a school campus.

CROSS REFERENCE: 443.1 Student Dress Code
 443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses
 536 Professional Staff Evaluation
 High School Mask Guideline
 Middle School Mask Guideline
 Elementary School and Early Learning Center Mask Guideline