



CAREY SCHOOLS' FACIAL COVERING POLICY



- ★ *Per the statewide Governor's order, Carey Exempted Village Schools is requiring ALL individuals to wear a "facial covering" when in the building, on school transportation, and/or in areas outside the building when social distancing is impractical.*
- ★ *A "facial covering" is a covering of the nose, mouth, and chin that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. It is NOT an item that covers the entire face or comes over the person's head like a hood. Furthermore, per the directives of the Governor's Office and Ohio Department of Health, not Carey Schools, a clear face shield WILL NOT meet the standards of the Governor's Order.*
- ★ *A "facial covering" can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen, and, if need be, can include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth. "Face coverings" may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or improvised from household items, including but not limited to, scarves, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. While procedural and surgical masks intended for health care providers and first responders, such as N95 respirators, would meet these requirements, these specialized masks should be reserved for appropriate occupational and health care settings.*
- ★ *Facial coverings should be school appropriate and not display any inappropriate language, pictures, and/or graphics, make references in any way to alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco, or violence, or can be deemed by the administration to be racially/culturally insensitive.*
- ★ *Students will wear a facial covering when working in close proximity to another individual (teacher, peer, etc.) for a sustained period of time (ex. classrooms).*
- ★ *At the discretion of the classroom teacher, students may remove facial coverings in classrooms if social distancing can be maintained or desk barriers are present.*
- ★ *Students will wear a facial covering when in hallways and common areas.*
- ★ *Students will be permitted to remove facial coverings for outdoor lessons/activities, PE, and lunch (once seated).*

If there is any question as to the acceptability of any facial covering, the administration will have final determination whether or not it is appropriate.

This policy is subject to change based on evolving conditions, data about the status of the pandemic, or recommendations and guidance from local, state, and/or federal government agencies.