

Facemask Requirements



A. Requirement to Wear Face Coverings

Until further notice, all Onslow County Schools students must wear face coverings (a) while attending school or a school function while inside a school building, (b) while participating in an indoor off-campus school-sponsored event, and/or (c) when riding on school buses or other school transportation vehicles. All face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the student. Students must wear face coverings at all times except for the following:

1. The student is actively eating or drinking;
2. The student is participating in a designated mask break;
3. A band/orchestra student actively playing a brass or woodwind instrument indoors;
4. The student has difficulty breathing or otherwise cannot tolerate a face covering due to a developmental, medical, or behavioral health need as evidenced by documentation from a healthcare provider;
5. The student is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Documentation from a healthcare provider necessary to establish an exemption under Section (I)(A)(4) must specifically state that the student is not able to wear a face covering. The healthcare provider is not required to detail the diagnosis or condition that requires a face covering exemption.

While not required, face coverings are strongly recommended for students while engaging in activities outdoors as contact tracing and quarantine rules apply when students are outdoors.