

NHCS Student Mask FAQ

Question	Answer
Is a specific type of mask required?	<i>The Lighting Our Way Forward: North Carolina's Guidebook for Reopening Schools Document</i> recommends a cloth face covering. This face covering should be 2-ply and fitted to the face.
Can my child wear a shield and not a mask?	No, unless the student has requested an exception in which a face shield has been approved as an accommodation. Students may wear a face shield in addition to a mask.
Can they wear a scarf or bandana as a mask?	Yes, if it is fitted to the face and is multi-ply per NC guidance.
Can my child take the mask off during PE/recess?	Students may remove their mask outside for vigorous and non-vigorous exercise. When inside for PE or recess the mask can only be removed for vigorous activity. See examples here
How do I get a waiver for my child's illness that prevents him/her from wearing a mask?	A Mask Exception Request Form is available on our website or from your child's school. The exemptions will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Requests must be accompanied with medical documentation. The request for a mask exception may result in virtual or remote-only access to school facilities.
What do I do if I don't want my child in a room with someone cleared to not wear a mask?	Students will not be around others without masks unless proper social distancing and other precautions are able to be enforced.
What happens if my child comes to school without a mask?	What happens if my child comes to school without a mask?
Will there be consequences if my child is not wearing their mask?	Situations where students will not wear masks will be handled like any other safety issue. Students will be prompted to wear a mask and parents will be consulted.
What is considered inappropriate as far as design on a mask?	Student masks will follow the NHCS Student Dress Code Policy 8520 which states <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing, jewelry or buttons with letters, initials, symbols, or wording that is obscene, offensive, inflammatory, or detrimental to the instructional process are not allowed. • Gang-related clothing, accessories or symbols as identified by local law enforcement agencies will not be allowed; • Clothing, jewelry, book bags or other items which are associated with intimidation, violence or violent groups, and about which students have

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	<i>been notified may not be worn</i>
Can masks be taken off if seated at your desk and kept 6 feet apart from other students?	<i>The guidance is not intended for students to take masks off while seated at desks even if 6 feet apart. Students will have mask breaks scheduled throughout the day. These breaks will be highly supervised to ensure students are socially distanced. See examples here</i>

How often can students get a mask break indoors?	<i>NHCS Mask Protocol allows students to remove masks for breaks. These breaks will be scheduled by the teacher and will ensure that students are socially distanced and students remain in one place.</i>
If my child is not able to wear the mask all day, can we switch to the virtual only option?	<p><i>Under Plan B, there are two instructional options: enrollment in the fully remote Virtual Academy and participation in the three-week rotation of in-person and remote instruction. Students selecting the three-week rotation option will participate in one week of in-person instruction followed by two weeks of remote instruction.</i></p> <p><i>Families not wanting their student to participate in face-to-face instruction for health and safety reasons may choose to participate in their assigned week of in-person instruction remotely. Students will be allowed to continue in remote learning during this time and not counted as absent if the student actively participates in required learning activities and assignments during this time. It is important to note that while the district will strive for consistency in teacher assignment, teacher assignments may vary during this week of instruction.</i></p> <p><i>Any parent wishing for their child to remain in remote learning for their scheduled week of in-person learning should indicate this to their child's teacher(s).</i></p>

To submit additional questions, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/wdHhDfmx6M5JirUZ9>