

## Davie County Schools

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### Superintendent Video:

On July 29 the Davie County Board of Education voted unanimously to make masks optional for students for the start of the school year. We assured you, our families, that we would continue to monitor and assess conditions to consider any changes as necessary. For the entire month of July, Davie County had 37 school-age positive cases. In just two weeks a lot has changed and we have seen a dramatic shift in our county and our state. In August so far, there have been 59 active positive cases among school-age children in Davie County, currently two children are hospitalized, and we are just halfway through the month. Given the state requirements for quarantines, those numbers could potentially send home multiple classrooms and even close entire schools in the county.

It is our number one goal to keep students safely in schools for as much in-person instruction as possible this year. We know the positive academic, social and emotional impacts of children being in school buildings. We continue to meet with our local Davie County Department of Health and Human Services, and gain valuable insight from local medical experts in the community who are concerned with the direction this is going. As we are seeing with other districts who are opening with masks optional, they are unfortunately having immediate and large-scale quarantines. We do not want the same experience and must be proactive in minimizing disruptions to students' education.

The risk of our students' health, academic success, and social and emotional wellbeing is just too great given the circumstances. Therefore, leadership staff and the Davie County Board of Education have unanimously agreed that we must adjust and require face coverings for the start of the school year. Effective immediately, face coverings will be required for all preschool—12th grade students and staff on each Davie County Schools' campus and school transportation, with limited exceptions as stated in the Strong Schools Tool Kit. Medical exemptions will be considered, and that info may be found on the Safe and Secure page on GoDavie.org.

As promised before, we will continue to monitor and assess conditions to consider any changes as we move forward, and will communicate updates and/or any changes in a timely manner. Although there are disagreements in the county about which direction is the right one, we appreciate the unity and support of the community, which ultimately helps us best support Davie County children.



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Shady Grove Elementary School | William R. Davie Elementary School | North Davie Middle School | South Davie Middle School  
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