



**2021-2022 Request for Mask Exemption
Based on Student’s Academic, or Social/Emotional Development**

Masks are one of the most effective practices to help prevent spread of COVID-19 in our schools. By minimizing the spread of the virus, we help keep one another safe and help preserve in-person instruction. Though mask wearing is expected in our buildings, students receive multiple “mask breaks” throughout the school day and are not expected to wear them while eating or playing outdoors.

Please note that wearing a mask while on a school bus is a federal requirement and approval of this form will not exempt your child from wearing a mask while riding the bus.

Parents and guardians who wish for their child to be exempt from the expectation of wearing masks must complete this form, responding fully and in good faith to every question and request for acknowledgement. Please know that district staff will not review an incomplete form.

Parents and guardians should return the completed form in person and bring their valid photo ID to the security desk at the Education Service Center (Mason Building, 3027 S. New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, OK, 74114). The team member at the desk will use the photo ID to verify the identification of the individual signing the form. The form will then be reviewed by the appropriate district staff, and approved exemptions will be noted for the school team. The results of the review should be communicated to parents within 48 hours barring any special circumstances that cause a delay.

Questions regarding the form should be directed to TPSinfo@tulsaschools.org

Name of student:	Parent Name:
Student ID:	Birthdate of student:
School of student:	Grade of student:
Email of parent:	Cell phone of parent:

_____ (initial) I understand and agree that when answering the question below that the harm I describe below must be specific to my child, not other individuals. _

_____ (initial) I understand and agree that the harm I describe below should not be speculative. Instead, I should describe harm I know the student experiences when they have worn a mask for extended periods of time or have been asked to do so.

_____ (initial) I certify that I am the parent or guardian of the student named above and certify that my child will be harmed academically, socially or emotionally.

Please provide a brief explanation of the reason(s) why and how your child will be harmed academically, socially and/or emotionally if they wear a mask as expected of individuals in the district's buildings.

By signing this request:

I certify I am legally authorized to make decisions for the student.

I certify all the information and answers I provide above are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand any misrepresentation, falsification, or omission of any facts called for in the application may render this request and any exemption void.

I understand and agree this exemption does not relieve me, another parent, guardian or my student from liability relating to any harm caused by my student because they did not wear a face covering;

I agree to and will notify the student's school in writing if I choose to revoke my consent.

I understand this exemption is not effective unless and until I receive notification from district staff. Until I receive this approval, I understand my student is subject to the district's mask expectations.

I understand federal law requires my student to wear a mask while on the bus and that any exemption granted to my child will not relieve them from wearing a mask while on the bus.

Signature of Parent	
Date	