

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY MANUAL

SECTION: 5000
CATEGORY: Students
POLICY CODE: 5141.9/Face Coverings

FACE COVERINGS

Policy Statement

The Trumbull Board of Education will comply with all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements, including those of the Connecticut State Department of Education and the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, face coverings are essential to safeguard the health and safety of students and adults within each school facility. All students, staff, and visitors are required to use face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth when they are inside a school building, on school grounds, or on school transportation. Exceptions will be only for: individuals participating in scheduled mask breaks; individuals consuming scheduled meals or snacks; adults working in private offices, in shared offices with six feet of distance from others, or in classrooms empty of all other individuals; and individuals with documented medical exemptions. A medical exemption will be granted only if the individual has trouble breathing, is unconscious, is incapacitated, cannot remove the face covering without assistance, or has provided to the appropriate school nurse an acceptable note from a medical professional to confirm that the individual cannot wear a loose-fitting face covering of the style to be used in schools for source control; such exemptions will be rare, and school nurses will consult with the Town Director of Nursing for consistent guidance on exemption notes they receive. Finally, student accommodations based upon a documented disability may be granted by a Planning & Placement Team or a 504 Team.

Nothing in this policy shall allow a student to wear a mask that obscures the face to such a degree that identification is impossible.

Building administrators shall be responsible for implementing this policy among all students, staff, and visitors. The District shall maintain in each school building a supply of disposable face coverings in the event that a student or staff member does not have one for use. Violations of this policy by students will be handled based upon Board of Education Policy 5131, “Student Standard of Conduct.” Violations of this policy by staff may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. Violations of this policy by visitors may result in denial of entry to school facilities.

The potential wearing of face coverings by student athletes will be implemented by the Athletic Director based on guidelines of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC); the implementation of those guidelines for Trumbull student athletes will be communicated in writing to the student athletes and their parents/guardians by the Athletic Director.

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, this policy will be reviewed regularly by the Policy Committee, with recommended revisions and eventual rescission to the Board of Education as necessary.

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Reference

- Trumbull Board of Education Policy Code 5131: Student Standard of Conduct