



AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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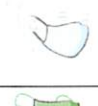
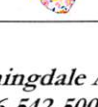
September 1, 2020

Dear Parent:

The purpose of this letter is to explain the requirement to wear the proper face covering when students are attending school in-person. We respectfully ask that you review the contents of this letter with your child. If your child has not already worn a mask in public, it is important for them to practice wearing one, as masks will be required for all students and staff. During our opening week of school, students will be taught the mask wearing protocol.

The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree that wearing a mask in school is the single most effective strategy for reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. The CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household. Masks are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the mask coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice.

The school district will allow a variety of face coverings pursuant to CDC and DOH guidance, however masks that have proven to be ineffective cannot be worn. The table below lists both acceptable and non-acceptable masks.

Acceptable Masks	
N95 Mask & KN95	
3-Layer Surgical Mask	
Cotton or Polypropylene Mask	
Polypropylene Apron Mask	
2-Layer Pleated Mask	
Olson Style (curved fit nose & mouth)	

Non-Acceptable Masks	
Bandana	
Gaiter Mask	
Fleece Mask	
Valve Mask	

Students must wear their masks at all times, including when they are on the bus, for arrival and dismissal, when traveling between classes, and during instructional time. Failure to wear a mask will subject the student to disciplinary procedures. If your child has a medical condition that would prevent them from wearing a mask, please contact the building principal.

Students will be allowed to remove their masks during designated mask breaks and to eat lunch. During the mask break students must maintain 6 feet or greater social distance, and in classroom settings, be seated behind polycarbonate dividers.

We recognize that wearing a mask is different and may prove to be uncomfortable until we all get used to wearing them. The District will provide cloth masks to all students, which will be washable and reusable. There will also be disposable masks in each classroom, should something happen that requires a student to procure another mask. If your child needs a mask before the first day of school, please contact the building principal.

Please know that we will strictly enforce the mask wearing protocol. Doing so protects the health of all persons in school. Thank you in advance for your help with this critical strategy.

Sincerely,



Patrick D. McCabe
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