

FACE MASKS/ FACE COVERINGS

The LEARN Board of Directors (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of protecting the health and safety of students, staff, and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, and in accordance with requirements and guidelines issued by the Connecticut State Department of Education (“SDE”), the Board requires that all individuals entering a school building, a LEARN facility, and while riding school transportation vehicles wear an appropriate face covering. An appropriate face covering shall be described by in the LEARN Face Mask Procedures. Any individual who presents for entrance into a school building, LEARN facility or LEARN transportation vehicle who is not wearing an appropriate face covering shall be provided an appropriate face covering by LEARN.

Compliance with this policy shall be mandatory for all individuals while in a school building, LEARN facility and/or LEARN transportation vehicle, unless an applicable exception applies. Any individual who refuses to wear an appropriate face covering at all times while in a school building, LEARN facility or LEARN transportation vehicle shall be denied admission and/or required to leave the premises, unless an applicable exception applies. In addition, failure to comply with this policy may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies.

All individuals participating in or attending any LEARN sponsored activities must wear an appropriate face covering, whether or not those activities occur in a LEARN school building, LEARN facility or LEARN transportation vehicle.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop administrative regulations and/or protocols to implement this policy. Such administrative regulations and/or protocols shall outline authorized exceptions to the requirement that all individuals wear an appropriate face covering in the LEARN school buildings, LEARN facilities and LEARN transportation vehicles and may identify additional face covering rules as related to the safe operation of the school community.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221

Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together, Connecticut State Department of Education, as amended by Addendums 1-11 (June 29, 2020 through August 31, 2020).

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