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**BROWARD**  
County Public Schools



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## **BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACIAL COVERING POLICY**

The School Board of Broward County continues to monitor local COVID-19 data and consider professional guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics to inform its mitigation strategies and protocols. This includes the District's face coverings (mask) policy 2170.

At its Workshop on October 5, 2021, the School Board reviewed its COVID-19 strategies in light of recent information. Given current guidance and local COVID-19 statistics, the School Board continues to require that facial coverings be worn by all students, employees, volunteers and visitors while in Broward County Public Schools. This includes an appropriate, well-fitted personal facial covering/mask that protects both the nose and mouth, at school and on a school bus.

The School Board clarified under what conditions masks are not required under its current policy.

### **CONDITIONS WHERE MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED**

Except for during class change, masks/face coverings are not required while students are outside. This means students do not have to wear masks when they are outside in courtyard areas, at recess, in outdoor physical education classes, in parking lots, or other outdoor areas on campus.

Students do not have to wear masks while eating indoors.

Masks are not required while students are participating in strenuous indoor or outdoor activities. This includes indoor physical education classes when the students are engaged in physical activity.

### **FACIAL COVERING EXCEPTIONS**

SBBC Policy 2170 Face Coverings only provides an "opt-out" option from the requirement to wear facial covering in the following circumstances.

1. With a Student with Disability (SWD) designation AND have the exception included in their Individual Education Plan (IEP), OR
2. With an existing Section 504 Plan AND have the need for a facial covering exception included in their Section 504 Plan.

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