



### **Face Mask Policy**

The LEA and its leadership team utilize the CDC recommendations to develop the face mask policy.

#### **Why wear a face mask?**

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.

#### **Who should wear a face mask?**

CDC recommends all people 2 years of age and older wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain

#### **When/Where should I wear a face mask?**

The CDC guidelines require staff to wear face masks when interacting with colleagues, students, parents, and visitors when social-distancing is not possible. Students will be required to wear their masks when they are not sitting at the assigned seat or when social-distancing is not possible..

#### **What face masks are NOT appropriate?**

- Masks with exhalation valves or vents are not recommended and will not be permitted on PSAE campus. This type of mask does not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others.
- Face shields are not recommended or required. There is currently not enough evidence to support the effectiveness of face shields for source control.

#### **What if I do not have a face mask?**

It is important to notify your parents/guardian of the importance of being equipped with a face mask. In the event, where you do not have a face mask the school will provide you with a face mask.