



STEPPING STONES ACADEMY

FACE COVERING POLICY

1. To combat the spread of COVID-19, all students five years and older, staff members, and visitors are required to wear a face covering while on school property, using school transportation, or attending a school-sponsored activity.
2. Face coverings are not required when students are able to social distance or in specific situations including but not limited to when eating and drinking, at recess when standing away from other students and staff members, in classrooms as directed by staff members, and during outside classroom time (i.e. P.E. class).
3. Teachers provide for and allow breaks for students to safely take their face covering off outdoors or in another safe environment.
4. Face covering is defined as any fabric made of a soft material that covers the nose, mouth, and surrounding areas of the lower face. A face covering may consist of a surgical mask, cloth mask, bandana, scarf or any other material that adequately covers the nose and mouth.
5. Face coverings must be school-appropriate per Stepping Stones Academy's School Uniform standards. Face coverings may be any color, pattern, or design. Face coverings may not depict any type of violence (i.e. weapons, skulls and crossbones) and may not include inappropriate or obscene pictures, sayings, messages, or logos.
6. Staff members educate and daily remind students about these policies.