

Endeavor Charter School Policies and Procedures

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| Title: Face Covering Policy |
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POLICY STATEMENT

North Carolina Session Law 2021-130 directs that, for the 2020-2021 school year, “all public school units shall adopt a policy regarding the use of face coverings by employees and students. The governing body of the public school unit shall vote at least once a month on whether the face covering policy should be modified.”

On February 10, 2022, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (“NCDHHS”) updated its StrongSchools Toolkit to state that “[i]ndividual contact tracing and exclusion from school of asymptomatic people after an identified exposure is no longer recommended statewide in K-12 schools.” The Toolkit goes on to note that “[w]hile contact tracing has been an important tool for slowing the spread of COVID at earlier points in the pandemic and remains important in certain high-risk congregate settings, individual contact tracing is a less effective tool for responding to the pandemic at this phase in other settings[.]” The new recommendation, which goes into effect on February 21, 2022, applies regardless of vaccination and/or mask status.

Effective February 21, 2022, Endeavor Charter School (“ECS”) is adopting the instant Face Covering Policy in compliance with Session Law 2021-130. ECS will continue to follow its previous Face Covering Policy, passed on September 21, 2021, through February 20, 2022.

Face Covering Policy

Students, staff, and visitors to the ECS campus are not required to wear a face covering on ECS grounds, including while indoors, unless one of the following exceptions (the “Exceptions”) applies:

- Any person who has tests positive for COVID-19 but does not show symptoms, must wear a face covering for five (5) days after returning to school following a five (5) day isolation period;
- Any person who tests positive for COVID-19 and shows symptoms of COVID-19, must wear a face covering after returning to school following the applicable isolation period until ten (10) days after the first day of symptoms; and
- Any person who shows symptoms of COVID-10 but does not test for COVID-19 must wear a face covering for five (5) days after returning to school following a five (5) day isolation period.

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Students who must temporarily mask pursuant to an Exception shall not be required to wear a face covering during lunch or outdoor activities (e.g., recess, snack, outdoor lesson, etc.). ECS will keep a record of students who must wear a face covering pursuant to an Exception that will be made available to teachers and updated on a regular basis, and such masking will be enforced on the honor system. Any student found violating the face covering requirements set forth in the Exceptions following a positive COVID-19 test and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms in the absence of a negative test will be sent home to isolate for the remainder of the full 10-day isolation period.

All other students, staff, and visitors may choose to wear a face-covering on ECS grounds at their discretion. ECS staff is not responsible for enforcing the mask wearing of students whose families have chosen to continue masking on an optional basis.