



Mask Policy

The Board of Directors of Voyager Academy has voted to implement a mandatory mask policy. This policy is part of Voyager's overall commitment to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and our community. This mask policy is consistent with CDC and NCDHHS guidance, the Strong Schools Toolkit, and the vast majority of public schools throughout North Carolina. Voyager's mask policy will be reviewed monthly in accordance with the requirements defined in Session Law 2021-130 Senate Bill 654.

All employees, visitors, and students are required to wear a mask upon entering and remaining on campus. The school requires a two-layer cloth face mask or medical mask. Masks must securely cover the nose, mouth, and chin. Mesh masks, bandanas, neck gaiters, and face shields are not an acceptable face mask covering and are never permitted.

Students who do not follow this policy will be subject to the school's disciplinary process. Employees who do not follow this policy, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Visitors who do not follow this policy will be asked to comply or leave campus. Because not wearing a mask places other students and staff in direct harm, the school will not be providing mask exemptions except in exceptional circumstances. Any mask accommodation will be reviewed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The school will provide students and staff with mask breaks. In addition, temporary removal of the mask is permitted where necessary for the following purposes:

1. Actively engaging in an outdoor athletic or fitness activity;
2. Outdoor activity when 6 feet of social distancing can be maintained
3. Consuming food or drink;
4. For any emergency or medical purpose.