

APCSI Facial Covering Policy

Policy concerning students wearing facial coverings

Administration may modify this policy to abide with executive orders/proclamations from the Governor of Arkansas, guidance from DESE, guidance from ADH or court orders.

Students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are required to properly wear cloth facial coverings over the nose and mouth while in any APCS building where 6 feet of social distancing cannot be assured and on any school bus. Students do not decide when it is appropriate to remove face coverings. They must have permission from the adult in charge before removing the face covering when inside an APCS building.

Times when facial coverings are not required include:

- When students are seated for lunch and are actively eating. Once students have completed the meal the facial covering should be worn.
- When drinking water from their water bottle or water fountain.
- During strenuous activities such as P.E., basketball practice, volleyball practice, etc.
- Persons with a proven medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. Documentation from a doctor is required.

The cloth facial coverings must be appropriate for school. Facial coverings may have any color, geometrical designs or floral designs. Facial coverings may not contain wording, lettering, messaging, characters, slogans, pictures, or symbols. Approved Academics Plus logo facial coverings may be worn.

Consequences:

First Offense: Student will receive a warning and parents will be notified. If the student then agrees to wear a facial covering he/she may return to normal school activities. If the student does not agree to properly wear the facial covering the parents will be notified to pick the student up and remove him/her from school. The student cannot return to normal school activities until he/she agrees to properly wear the facial covering.

Second Offense: Student will receive a 2nd warning and parents will be notified. If the student then agrees to wear a facial covering he/she may return to normal school activities. If the student does not agree to properly wear the facial covering the parents will be notified to pick the student up and remove him/her from school. The student cannot return to normal school activities until he/she agrees to properly wear the facial covering.

Third and Subsequent Offenses: Parents will be notified and the student will be suspended from school 3 days.

Policy concerning employees wearing facial coverings

Faculty and staff are required to properly wear cloth facial coverings over the nose and mouth while in any APCSI building where 6 feet of social distancing cannot be assured and on any school bus.

Times when cloth facial coverings are not required for faculty and staff include:

- When a faculty or staff member is fully vaccinated (14 days after final shot) and has shown proof of vaccination to supervisor.
- When eating, drinking from a water bottle or water fountain.
- Persons with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. Documentation from a doctor is required.
- When instructors maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing between themselves and the audience.

Policy concerning visitors wearing facial coverings

Visitors are required to properly wear cloth facial coverings over the nose and mouth while in any APCSI building or on any school bus.

The principal or principal's designee may give permission for visitors to remove their face coverings if they are assured at least six feet of social distancing will be maintained.

Visitors with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering must show documentation from a doctor.