

Conway Public School District
School Board Resolution Regarding COVID-19

Be it hereby resolved that the Conway Public School District Board of Directors affirms that:

1. The Conway Public School district will abide by and enforce all orders and directives issued by Governor Asa Hutchinson, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).
2. Students attending the Conway Public School in grades PreK through 12th will be required to correctly wear a face covering which sufficiently covers the nose and mouth when physical distancing of six (6) feet is not possible or practical. These masks will be provided by the student's parent or guardian. This requirement will apply to all circumstances in which a student is on any school campus whether inside or outside, while riding any school-provided transportation, while waiting at bus stops, and at any school-sponsored event.
 - a. Students may remove face coverings while eating or drinking.
 - b. Students may remove face coverings during the course of a day when a distance of six feet from other students or adults can be safely and continually maintained.
 - c. Students may be exempted from this requirement only with appropriate medical documentation that is presented and approved in advance to the student's principal or other school administrator.
 - d. Unless exempted as stated above, students who refuse to wear a face covering as required by this resolution may be required to leave campus until such time as the student agrees to wear a face covering or student requests to be taught virtually.
 - e. All students, regardless of their age, are required to wear facial covering while riding school-provided transportation. Students who are not exempted and refuse to wear a face covering while on school-provided transportation or at a school bus stop may have their school transportation privileges suspended or revoked.
 - f. Facemasks that are worn must not be in violation of the district's student handbook regarding inappropriate clothing.
3. All employees are expected and required to wear facial covering which sufficiently covers the nose and mouth when physical distancing of six (6) feet is not possible or practical. These masks will be provided by the employee. This requirement will apply to all circumstances in which an employee is on any school campus whether inside or outside, while riding any school-provided transportation, and at any school-sponsored event.
 - a. Employees may remove face coverings while eating or drinking.
 - b. Employees may remove face coverings during the course of a day when a distance of six feet from students or adults can be safely and continually maintained.
 - c. Employees may be exempted from this requirement only with appropriate medical documentation that is presented and approved in advance to the employee's principal or supervisor.
 - d. Facemasks that are worn must be professional and non-offensive in nature.
 - e. Employees who refuse to wear a face covering as required by this resolution may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

4. Visitors to campuses will be significantly restricted during this period of time.
 - a. Only those visitors who have an “approved school purpose” will be allowed past the front office.
 - b. All visitors entering any Conway Public School campus will be required to wear a mask when physical distancing of six feet is not possible. Exceptions regarding the wearing of a facial covering may be granted by building principals or supervisors based upon a documented medical condition.

5. No person shall enter school district property if the person:
 - a. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not yet been cleared by ADH;
 - b. Has experienced a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater within the previous two (2) calendar days;
 - c. Has a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell;
 - d. Has had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the previous fourteen (14) calendar days;
 - e. Is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test;
 - f. Is required to quarantine due to COVID-19.

6. All employees and students should do the following:
 - a. Wash hands frequently with warm water for at least twenty (20) seconds;
 - b. Cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing;
 - c. Stay home if they are sick or if they have a fever; and
 - d. Call their doctor if they are worried about being sick.

7. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to immediately modify these requirements as necessary to comply with updated guidance, orders, or directives from national or state agencies. Any modifications made will be immediately communicated to the School Board and any modifications to the policy will be presented to the Board at the next regular meeting for approval.

8. This resolution and any subsequent amendments shall automatically expire upon the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency as proclaimed by the Governor of Arkansas.