

**CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING BOARD POLICY:**

**5321 – REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASK TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, the Cincinnati Board of Education is reviewing the existing Board Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cincinnati Board of Education has determined revision of the current Board Policies are in order to make them consistent with the current state laws and District procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, *Board Policy 5321 – Requirement To Wear Mask To Prevent The Spread Of COVID-19* has been reviewed and updated by Administration and the Cincinnati Board of Education Policy Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cincinnati Board of Education approves *Board Policy 5321 – Requirement To Wear Mask To Prevent The Spread Of COVID-19* as written; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of the Cincinnati Public Schools *Board Policy 5321 – Requirement To Wear Mask To Prevent The Spread Of COVID-19* will be posted online and be retained on file in the Office of the Board Members, Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center.

Mike Moroski

Revisions recommended from August 4, 2021 Resolution Maintaining Requirement To Wear Masks  
REDLINE FOR BOARD APPROVAL 9-13-21

Book	Cincinnati City School District Policies
Section	5000 Students
Title	Requirement To Wear Masks To Prevent The Spread Of COVID-19
Code	5321
Status	Active
Adopted	August 12, 2020

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- A. Where facial coverings in the school setting that are prohibited by law or regulation;
- B. Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards;
- C. Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons;
- D. Facial coverings are in violation of the school's documented safety policies;
- E. Facial coverings are not required to staff are working alone in an assigned work area; and
- F. There is a functional (practical reason) for a staff member, student, or volunteer, not to wear a facial covering.

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The District shall also make reasonable efforts to accommodate younger students, students with sensory sensitivities, and students with disabilities. Such accommodations may include the use of face shields, rather than masks, or other measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of masks or facial coverings. The Board recognizes, however, that an individual who is unable to wear a mask may pose a direct threat to other students and staff.

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