



Mask Policy for The Swain School

Guided by science and advice from medical experts along with current local, state and federal guidelines, The Swain School has adopted the following policy regarding the wearing of masks for the health and safety of our community until further notice.

1. Acceptable masks include face coverings that are fitted over the nose and mouth and secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or wrapped around the lower face. A mask can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics. When worn properly over the nose and mouth, a mask reduces the spray of droplets when an individual coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control and has been proven effective in the spread of COVID-19.
2. Students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear masks at all times throughout the school day with these **exceptions**:
 - a. When eating or drinking (during designated lunch, snack or water breaks)
 - b. When outdoors while observing 6 feet of social distance (Cohorts will spend as much time outside as possible throughout each day, which will allow for mask breaks.)
 - c. Adults: When alone in a space where there is no interaction with others
3. Students, faculty, and staff may choose the type of mask that suits them best within the guidelines defined above. Students should be able to put their mask on and take it off by themselves.
4. Families should consider masks as part of the uniform/dress code. As such, masks should not contain unacceptable or offensive language nor inappropriate or violent graphics.
5. Face coverings with one-way valves are prohibited.
6. If a face shield is worn, it must be accompanied by a mask.