

ACS Mask Policy

Students will be required to bring a mask to school. The actual wearing of the mask will only be mandatory in situations where social distancing is impossible. For example, students will wear a mask during arrival and dismissal procedures. In most cases, students will not be required to wear masks in the classroom. There will also be some variation in the mask policy depending on grade level. It is recommended that students have multiple masks.

While masks are an unfortunate necessity, we would like to be accepting of the masks that your child(ren) may already own. We have strongly considered a dress-code of solid-colored masks, but understand that families have already made or purchased masks, and masks can be out-of-stock at this time. To that end, our Mask Dress Code will be outlined as follows:

Masks should be simple and school-appropriate.

- Masks should be well-fitting and sized for your child to reduce touching and discomfort.
- Masks should be of the type that students can put them on independently.
- Masks should not be sequined (covered with beads, jewels, sequins, or the like) or flip from one face to another face. This reduces children from touching their faces.
- Masks may not have words.
- Masks may not advertise for a political party, political movement, or any organization. Masks may not have skulls, weapons, zombies, or other more violent graphics including inappropriate characters.
- Gaiters MAY be worn as masks, but the same restrictions as listed above will apply. Excessive playing with the gaiter or wearing it in a way that was not intended will result in the gaiter being removed, and your child wearing a school-issued mask for the remainder of the day.

Masks should ultimately be in keeping with our Catholic faith, morals, and how we, as Christians, portray ourselves modestly to others.

We understand that some children may have helped choose their mask patterns. Their happiness with their mask helps in their willingness to wear it when it is required. Age-appropriate and school-appropriate patterns, prints, and characters will not violate the dress code. We will allow masks with college names and sports teams unless they prove a distraction. ACS ultimately reserves the right to determine if a mask is school-appropriate.

