

DECATUR ISD Mask Policy

By way of formal resolution, and consistent with GA-34 and the Texas Education Agency's Public Health Planning Guidance, the Decatur ISD Board Resolves the following, effective April 7, 2021:

- All face coverings will be optional for Decatur ISD students, staff, and visitors at all times.
- At no point, and for no reason, can a person be denied admittance to an event due to their choice regarding face coverings. Students cannot be subject to discipline over the use of a face covering, except as specified in this policy.
- The Decatur ISD Board of Trustees encourages the continued use of face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained and consistent with the Texas Department of State Health Services but respects the individual's choice and that everyone's circumstances are different.
- The Decatur ISD Board of Trustees values its teachers and staff, understands that some staff may still wish to have their students wear masks in the classroom, and encourages students to respect the request of a teacher who asks that masks be worn.
- Additionally, a teacher may require a student to wear a face covering when the student is within six feet of the teacher. Failure to comply with that request would be considered insubordination and subject to the Student Code of Conduct.
- In the event that any form of Executive Order comes back into effect regarding face coverings, Decatur ISD will comply with that order.
- This policy is effective on the date signed.

Board President/Date

Superintendent/Date