

## FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Please note that due to the nature of some presentations given in our classrooms, face coverings may be removed for part or all of the presentation, as long as appropriate social distancing is followed. Acceptable face coverings include cloth based face masks and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose. Face coverings should be cleaned or replaced after use and must not be shared. Students and parents/legal guardians should take responsibility for [maintaining their face coverings](#).

### Students

Students at MSS are required to wear face masks unless they are able to social distance at least 6 feet. Our plan to divide students into smaller groups will allow them to spread out and therefore have a break from wearing their masks. Students should bring their own masks to school so that they are comfortable, but additional masks will be available at school. We ask that parents send in an extra box of disposable masks for their child to keep at school.

Masks will be required for students during these activities:	Masks can be removed by students during these activities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During arrival when the child is in the car, prior to the teacher taking temperatures               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When Health Screenings are being performed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• When in the classroom unless they are eating meals, having instruction or they are taking a mask break as long as they maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet</li> <li>• When traveling to an area outside of assigned classroom (common areas such as locker areas, entrances, exits, or bathrooms)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When traveling off campus via our school van (ex: Land Lab)</li> <li>• During dismissal, until the student is in the car with the parent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• While dismissing from a school van (or bus); the mask must remain on until the student exits and is at their designated location and appropriately socially distanced</li> </ul> <p><b>*The mask requirements will only be waived if the student has appropriate medical documentation to warrant an exception.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When outdoors and appropriately socially distanced</li> <li>• When a mask break is needed and the student maintains appropriate social distance</li> <li>• When being taught a lesson when a mask would be prohibitive for the student and/or teacher (ex: a language lesson that requires clear articulation and visibility of the mouth.)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When eating snack or lunch</li> <li>• When napping</li> </ul> </li> <li>• During recess, when in designated mask free zones, and appropriately socially distanced</li> <li>• When at designated work area within cohort and appropriately socially distanced</li> <li>• When singing (but a 12 ft. distance is required between students)</li> </ul> <p><b>*Please note that students can choose to continue to wear their mask during these activities, if that is their preference.</b></p>