



Face Covering Policy | Great Hearts Texas

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Masks are optional for students and employees on campus. On May 18, 2021 Governor Abbott issued an executive order ([GA-36](#)) which bars public schools from requiring them. His directive places the question of mask-wearing at school in the hands of each family and employee. In a separate executive order ([GA-38](#)) issued by the Governor on July 29th, 2021 he states the following concerning masks:

“In areas where the COVID-19 transmission rate is high, individuals are encouraged to follow the safe practices they have already mastered, such as wearing face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household.”

This statement from the Governor also makes clear that his previous order (GA-36) disallowing school districts to require masks of anyone remains in effect. Great Hearts will respect the decision each family makes and our school staff and leadership will work to ensure no person is treated differently as a result of their choice to wear or not wear a mask. If any individual requests a mask at school, staff will provide one.