

**Policy Regarding the Enforcement of Masking in Schools approved on
January 11, 2022 by the Sierra County Board of Education and the
Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Governing Board:**

On July 9, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (hereinafter CDC) published its updated recommendations for K-12 schools. Following the updated CDC recommendations, the California Department of Public Health (hereinafter CDPH) put out its own updated recommendations for K-12 Schools in California. In those updated recommendations relating to universal masking while indoors, the CDPH specifically stated that “[c]onsistent with guidance from the 2020-21 school year, schools must develop and implement local protocols to enforce the mask requirements.” No further specifics as to the nature and extent of enforcement was outlined by the CDPH.

In accordance with the CDPH recommendations pertaining to masking while indoors in K-12 schools, the Sierra Plumas Joint Unified School District (hereinafter District) adopts the following enforcement protocols:

- (1) Signage will be posted on or near all entrances of any K-12 school notifying those who enter that the CDPH requires that masks be worn by all individuals while indoors.
- (2) Masks will be made available to any individual who enter a K-12 school without a mask.
- (3) Any outright refusal to wear a mask when required, will result in the student being sent to the office and the parent/guardian being called to come pick up their child(ren). In the event a parent is unable to pick up the student, the student must wait in a separate area until the parent can do so. A meeting will be set up with the district superintendent to discuss other educational options for the family.
- (4) Students who have a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering must provide documentation from a licensed psychologist or medical doctor exempting them from this requirement. Students meeting this exemption requirement will need to be kept six feet or more from staff and other students to maintain a safe environment.

- (5) Parents and guardians of special education students who wish to consider placement in the Independent Study Program should contact their respective case manager in order to schedule an IEP team meeting. Requests for independent study for students with IEPs will be treated as a request for the IEP team to consider a change in placement and potential revisions to the student's IEP.

- (6) All indoor spectator events including, but not limited to, sports, assemblies and performances, shall require masks to be worn.