



Central R-III Schools

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September 16, 2020

Parents/Guardians of Central R-III,

On September 15, St. Francois County passed a mask mandate to begin Monday, September 21, 2020. Due to this mandate, the District must follow the provisions and require masks be worn by individuals, beginning at age 9, while on campus or District transportation. Students ages 9 and above, as well as visitors, will need to have a mask with them beginning Monday. If a student or staff member does not have a mask, one will be provided by the District. County Health Care professionals have provided additional guidance directed to schools with approved procedures. Below are the daily mask procedures the District will follow:

- Students and staff will be required to have a mask or face covering available with them at all times. If they do not have access to a face covering/mask, one can be provided. Please contact your building principal.
- Face coverings/masks are required to enter any building in the Central R-III District for adults and visitors.
- Central R-III students **will not** be required to wear a face covering/mask all day, but ARE required to have access to a mask and wear as needed or as instructed.
- Students ages 9 and up will be asked to wear masks or face coverings when:
 - in passing times such as hallways and crowded common areas.
 - social distancing can't be maintained such as working in small groups or in close proximity with a teacher or medically fragile student.
 - directed by the teacher or school leadership teams.
- Elementary students, below age 9, may be asked to wear a provided mask/face covering only when working in small groups with students or teachers, when social distancing is not possible, or when medically fragile students may be present. This will be at teacher/building administration discretion for safety purposes in limited situations.
- Masks and Face Coverings will not be worn in the following situations:
 - During recess or during physical activity such as PE.
 - During athletic activities.
 - When students/staff have a medical reason that will not allow them to wear a mask (please communicate with your building principal).

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- Teachers will use their best judgement to instruct students as to when it is appropriate to wear face coverings.
- When masks and face coverings are necessary, teachers will give students mask breaks whenever possible.
- Staff will be required to wear face coverings/masks when in common spaces and when social distancing can't be maintained, such as in small groups.
- Teachers will not have to teach in a face covering/mask when social distancing can be maintained.

St. Francois County will evaluate this mandate again on October 22, 2020. At that time, the District will do the same. The District appreciates your understanding as these new guidelines are put in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley McMillian".

Ashley McMillian, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Central R-III School District