

## **COVID-19 ADDENDUM TO THE *CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT***

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) have strongly supported the wearing of face masks/coverings by students and staff while physically attending school to slow the spread of the virus. In addition, adherence to physical distancing measures is an important part of health mitigation to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Thus, the requirements for the wearing of face masks/coverings and distancing measures while inside school buildings is supported in the Henrico County School's Health and Safety Plan.

Staff and students are required to wear face masks/coverings. Exceptions to the requirement for face masks/coverings have been permitted for students who have a documented medical condition that prohibits them from wearing a face mask/covering. It is expected that all students on campus for learning must comply with this requirement at all times during the school day (with the exception of lunch time or other instances when staff may have approved of the temporary removal of the face covering). This includes, but is not limited to, school buses, classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, and when entering/exiting the building during dismissal. Additionally, students must adhere to social distancing guidelines and follow directions to ensure proper spacing is occurring in all areas.

Failure to comply with the requirements of wearing face mask/coverings and/or adhering to distancing guidelines will be addressed by school administration. Consequences for non-compliance include, but are not limited to; removal from the in-person learning environment. In order to ensure adherence to our HCPS Health Plan, it is imperative that all individuals on our campuses follow all elements of the plan for everyone's safety.

**All face masks/coverings must adhere to the *Code of Student Conduct's* Bullying/Harassment policy. Any face mask/covering that contains racist, offensive or obscene words and/or graphics are strictly prohibited, and fully subject to the *Code of Student Conduct*.**

*Note - Face masks/coverings should fit snugly, but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, and allow for breathing without restriction.*

**Your signature below indicates that you have received and understand this addendum and are aware that failure to comply with the wearing of a face mask/covering or adhering to distancing guidelines on school campus may result in a student being excluded from in-person learning opportunities.**

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Student's Name/Grade

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Student's Signature/Date

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School

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Parent(s)/Legal Custodian(s)' Signature/Date