WCS Reopening Framework
FAQ: Cloth Face Coverings (Masks)

Will my child be required to wear a mask in school?

Yes.

Should I get masks for my children or will the school supply students with masks?

Parents should provide the cloth face covering to their student as part of the student's school supplies.

What if my child loses their mask during the school day?

Each school has a limited supply of cloth face coverings that can be provided to students who may lose theirs during the day.

Will my child be able to remove their mask at any time during the school day?

Yes. Students may remove their cloth face covering, at the direction of WCS staff, when outdoors and maintaining 6-feet social distancing, or inside the building when 6-feet social distancing can be maintained but only for periods less than 15 minutes. Also, cloth face coverings may be removed while eating or drinking.

How much discretion will teachers have for a mask break or allowing students to remove their masks?

Teachers will have some discretion. They can have students remove their masks for short periods of time **if** the students can maintain social distance guidelines the entire time masks are off.

What kind of mask should I get for my child?

[The CDC recommendations on cloth face coverings can be found on the CDC website](#).

My child has special needs and cannot wear a mask. Will he/she be required to wear a mask?

No. The CDC and Tennessee Department of Health guidance give several variances that can be made for people who are medically or behaviorally unable to tolerate a cloth face covering, or if it is unsafe for a person to wear a mask. Our staff will discuss this with you and make the necessary variances.

Will my child be required to wear a mask while going through the food serving line?

Yes.

Will my child be required to wear a mask when transiting to/from the cafeteria?

Yes.

Will the district provide masks to WCS staff?

Yes. Cloth face coverings for staff have already been distributed to the schools and departments.