

COVID-19 Mask Exemption – Students (for Parents)

Exemptions from Mask Use Students	
Exemption Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students who are unable to place, use, or remove a non-medical face mask (due to age, developmental or physical reasons). ▪ Medical condition or disability (mental or physical) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex. Severe anxiety, PTSD, severe breathing difficulties ▪ Students who cannot wear a masks for any grounds protected under the Alberta Human Rights Act (e.g. religious grounds)
Decision-Maker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principal ▪ Principal may consult with Area offices or other internal staff
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use AR 6002 Student Health Services and the Student Health Plan to document request for accommodation/exemption* ▪ Principal and parent sign off on this request ▪ If a medical note is provided it will be placed on the Student Health Plan
Partial Exemption - Accommodations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student can wear the mask for some periods; requires more frequent and/or longer periods of non-mask use ▪ Student can wear it in hallways, buses, bathrooms and other shared spaces but can remove it in class ▪ Other protective measures have been amplified and used– e.g. barrier ▪ Use of face shields
Other Measures to Consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider configuration of room so students can physically distance and participate fully in learning and classroom activities ▪ Cohorting ▪ Consider composition of class ▪ Increase hand hygiene and other measures in classroom