Mask Policy

At Eno River Academy, we take our duty to provide a safe and healthy school environment seriously. We believe that our school is a community where we care for each other and think not just about ourselves but about all of our stakeholders when making decisions.

Consistent with our duty to protect the health and safety of students, staff and our community, the Board of Directors of Eno River Academy voted to implement a mandatory mask policy indoors. All employees, visitors, and students are required to wear a mask upon entering and remaining on campus. This mask policy is consistent with CDC and NCDHHS guidance, the Strong Schools Toolkit and the vast majority of public schools throughout North Carolina.

Masks must cover the nose, mouth and chin. At this time, outdoor masking is optional.

Wearing a mask protects others as much, if not more, than the person wearing it. Students who do not follow this policy will be subject to the school's disciplinary process. Employees who do not follow this policy, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Because not wearing a mask places other students and staff in direct harm, the school will not be providing mask exemptions.

The school will provide students and staff with mask breaks. In addition, temporary removal of the mask is permitted where necessary for the following purposes:

- 1. Actively engaging in an athletic or fitness activity;
- 2. Consuming food or drink;
- 3. For any emergency or medical purpose.