



Scottsdale Unified School District

Request for Accommodation Related to Mask Wearing

Continuing in-person learning by implementing key safety mitigations strategies to slow down the spread of COVID is a priority for Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD). Wearing a face mask is a key SUSD strategy, along with physical distancing and cleaning high touch points. These critical strategies were successful for us throughout the 2020-2021 school year. We continued with physical distancing and frequent cleaning of touch points as we began this school year, with masks being optional. On August 17, 2021, the SUSD Governing Board approved a return to requiring masks indoors.

We believe that this requirement on school campuses that begins August 20, 2021 and expires on September 29, 2021, as now permitted by law, will have a positive impact on reducing the number of COVID cases we are seeing at schools. We understand that for a very small percentage of families, accommodations may be needed. A process has been developed to address these requests and determine outcomes on a case-by-case basis.

The District will provide appropriate and reasonable accommodation for those students who have a demonstrated need. Parents or guardians, or students over the age of 18, may use this form to request an accommodation to the SUSD indoor mask requirement. Requests for accommodation can be made at any time during the school year.

Please submit the [accommodation request](#) online. If you are unable to access this form electronically, please contact your school and one will be provided to you. The accommodation request will be reviewed by SUSD staff and you will receive a timely decision. A denial of the request can be appealed to the Superintendent or his designee.

Eligibility Criteria

Requests must contain a demonstrated need and, to the extent possible, documentation to support the request. If a student is currently identified as a student with a disability, documentation may already be available. Accommodations may be individualized and the accommodation may include some type of face covering, for example, a face shield, in conjunction with other reasonable mitigation strategies.

Please note that if your student is unmasked and is determined to be a COVID close contact, he/she may be subject to quarantine, as required by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

Thank you.

SUSD Administration