



STUDENT CHOICE HIGH SCHOOL Face Covering Policy

On July 23, 2020, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey (the “Governor”), Superintendent of Public Instruction, Kathy Hoffman (the “Superintendent”) and Arizona Department of Health Services Director, Dr. Cara Christ (the “ADHS Director”) held a news conference to discuss certain executive orders of the Governor regarding re-opening of Arizona district and charter schools in Arizona (the “Executive Orders”). On the advice of the ADHS Director and the Superintendent, the Governor included in the Executive Orders the requirement that all students and employees of district and charter schools must wear masks or cloth face-coverings during in-person instruction unless such student or employee receives special accommodation otherwise. To comply with the requirements of the Executive Orders, all public district and charter schools must adopt school-specific policies regarding the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings for all persons who are present during in-person instruction.

The health and safety of all of our students and employees is our highest priority. With the goal of protecting the health and safety of everyone in our school community and in complying with the Executive Orders, GAR, LLC dba Student Choice High School (the “School”) has adopted the policy regarding the use of masks and cloth face-coverings described herein.

All students, employees and visitors to our school facilities (collectively, the “School Facility”) must wear a mask or other cloth face covering that covers his or her mouth and nose at all times except as otherwise provided herein. The School will make available disposable masks to students, employees and visitors at the main entrance to the School Facility and entry to the School Facility will be denied to any person who refuses to wear a mask or fails to be wearing a mask properly. If any student, employee or visitor prefers to wear their own mask or face covering, it must be large enough to cover the nose and mouth of such individual and must be worn properly to cover the mouth and nose of such individual.

Face coverings on campus will be mandated by the school unless social distancing of ≥ 6 feet can be guaranteed. Although the school will require students in wearing masks, for a number of reasons, teachers cannot be charged with enforcing student compliance. The expectation is that any mask that is worn on campus will not be a source of distraction and will be free of any words or messages. Should the student require accommodations for face coverings due to medical needs, please see the school principal for consideration of reasonable accommodations. It is also understood by the school that for reasons of health, certain students and staff cannot be required to wear face coverings. Due to confidentiality around the issue of health, the school’s faculty and staff will not engage a student as to the reason that they are not wearing a face covering.

*(reference **Mitigation Plan: Employee and Operational COVID-19 Requirements/Protocols** Section 5.d. and **Mitigation Plan: Family and Campus/District Readiness Plan**)*