



School Dress

We at Thurgood Marshall Middle want our students to enjoy their learning in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment. Our expectations for school dress are designed to reduce distractions, improve safety, and create a more positive, educational climate for the students and staff.

Please use this link so, we can answer any questions you may have about the school dress or mask requirements.

Students are not required to wear standard school attire upon return to in-person learning. Student attire must meet the following expectations:

- ✓ *Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length.*
- ✓ *All footwear must have a heel or heel strap. No flip-flops or house shoes may be worn.*
- ✓ *Shoulders must be completely covered*
- ✓ *No see-through clothing of any kind should be worn*
- ✓ *Pants must be worn at the waist. No low-riding or low-slung hip-huggers should be worn. Belts are suggested, but not required. Absolutely no sagging is allowed.*
- ✓ *Undergarments and bare skin must not be visible between the knees and shoulders (not including arms). If jeans/pants/shorts have rips/tears in them, there must be leggings underneath to cover the bare skin.*
- ✓ *Head coverings are allowed for religious purposes only. Absolutely no bandanas, scarves, sweatbands, caps, do-rags, or bonnets/hairnets of any kind are acceptable or allowed*
- ✓ *Students may wear sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters, or lightweight jackets inside the building if the hood is not covering the student's head indoors*
- ✓ *No clothing should have offensive images, language depicting drugs, alcohol (or any illegal item or activity), hate speech, and profanity. Any image that creates a hostile or intimidating environment is unacceptable.*
- ✓ *School administration will modify this list if other clothing items become a distraction to the learning environment.*

Consequences for not following the new dress code:

Students who are unwilling to follow the new dress code will be required to wear Standard School Attire (SSA).

Students who are required to wear SSA can wear a polo style or collared shirt and khaki pants/skirt/shorts only.

Mask Expectations

Thurgood Marshall students will be required to wear a face mask while on campus grounds once vacating their means of transportation. *We will be following the CDC guidelines and those laid out by [MNPS](#). Please not the following:*

Masks over mouth and nose will be required for all students and staff.

Any student who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 such as a temperature of 100.4 or above, a cough, shortness of breath, or sudden loss of taste or smell will not be able to attend.

Classroom sizes will be limited by the maximum requirements set forth by the Tennessee law:

5 to 6: Maximum of 30 students, average of 25

7 to 12: Maximum of 35 students, average of 30

Classrooms will be configured to maximize social distancing and prevent the spread of COVID-19, but most will not be able to create 6 feet of distance between students in normal settings.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.

If a student or staff member is determined to be a close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, that person will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

In-person and virtual learning will be based on the Florida Virtual School curriculum to allow uninterrupted learning if classes or schools must be closed for quarantine.

As schools become aware of positive cases or the need to quarantine, families will be informed. However, we will not be able to share the name(s) of the individual(s) who are positive due to student and health privacy laws.

Some classes may be taught virtually while students are present in the school building due to personnel constraints.

Health officials and the public have learned a lot about COVID-19 since it first emerged late last year; however, they are still learning new information every day. As we learn more and get updated guidance, we will adjust accordingly.

The following exceptions will be granted aligned to CDC recommendations:

- *While students are eating or drinking,*
- *While playing a musical instrument,*
- *When a classroom is set up for social distancing of six feet or more*

Per the CDC, cloth face coverings or masks should meet the following criteria:

- *The mouth and nose are always fully covered.*
- *The covering fits snugly against the sides of the face, so there are no gaps.*
- *You do not have any difficulty breathing while wearing the cloth face covering.*
- *The cloth face covering can be tied or otherwise secured to prevent slipping.*

There is a new addition to the MNPS behavior policy concerning mask. If a student chooses not to wear a mask, or does not have one, the school will use a restorative response grounded in the MNPS discipline policy.

Discipline Response Mask Behavior Infraction

1st Offense: Code 102 (Noncompliance with a Reasonable Request) Conference with Student emphasizing the safety protocols of COVID-19.

2nd Offense: Code 102 (Noncompliance with a Reasonable Request) Conference with Guardian emphasizing the safety protocols of COVID-19 and Collaborative Referral Initiated.

3rd Offense: Code 303 (Noncompliance with an Administrative Directive or an Assigned Disciplinary Response)

4th Offense: Code 420 (Reckless Endangerment) intentional exchange of bodily fluids (coughing, sneezing) may result in an initial use of Code 420.

The student will be given a mask to use free of charge. If the student is given a cloth mask, they will be expected to wash it daily with soap and water and reuse it. If they are unable to wash it, we will reissue a disposable mask.

Below are some examples for mask wearing in school

Inappropriate designs/artwork will be handled like school dress and other clothing under District/School dress code policies and procedures

DO choose masks that	DO NOT choose masks that
 <p>Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric</p>	 <p>Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl</p>
 <p>Completely cover your nose and mouth</p>	 <p>Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape</p>
 <p>Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps</p>	 <p>Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks</p>

How NOT to wear a mask

			
Around your neck	On your forehead	Under your nose	Only on your nose
			
On your chin	Dangling from one ear	On your arm	