

Face Shield vs Face Mask

General McLane School District is committed to keeping up with the most recent Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines. As a result, a few days ago, we posted updated guidelines related to face coverings in school; these include the use of a face shield as an acceptable alternative to a face mask.

Please note, that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has taken a different position. The CDC does not recommend the use of face shields as a substitute for a mask. Evidence does not support the effectiveness of face shields in preventing the spread of COVID-19 for the wearer or those within 6 feet of the person wearing the face shield (unless a face mask is used with the shield).

For the safety of our students, teachers and families, the **General McLane School District recommends the use of a face mask (when possible) for our staff and students.**

We understand and anticipate that some students/staff will be unable to wear a face mask and will use a face shield as a substitute. We will remain supportive of those staff/students as per DOH guidelines, with the caution that a face shield has not been shown to protect against COVID-19 infection as well as a face mask.