

## Face Covering Discipline

The goal of enforcing the SCDE face covering requirement in schools and on buses is compliance or behavior modification that leads to compliance. While hopefully most issues can be resolved through working with the student or a message/call to a parent, there may times when disciplinary action is required.

To determine if a student not wearing a face covering is in violation, it should first be determined that the student does not qualify for an exemption such as age; health issues such as trouble breathing; inability to remove the covering without assistance; or those with IEPs, 504 plans, individual healthcare plans or doctor's excuse.

If a violation has occurred, first attempt to counsel the student and ask them to put it on properly or provide a face covering if they do not have one. If the student states they came to school without one, contact the parent to address that concern.

If the student is uncooperative, or if the administrator feels the matter needs to be documented because of health/safety concerns, a referral may be issued. All violations will be treated as Level I.

Policy JICDA-R defines rules of conduct and consequences for failing to abide by them; for face covering violations the following would apply:

### **Level I - Behavioral Misconduct**

Acts of behavioral misconduct may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- failure to comply with directives from school/district personnel or agents (to include volunteer aides or chaperones)

Consequences that may be applied in cases of face covering violations may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Elementary Schools:

- counseling
- parental notification
- parent-teacher conference
- withdrawal of privileges
- detention (silent lunch, after school, or another time that does not interfere with the instructional day)

Middle and High Schools:

Up to 3 referrals:

- counseling
- parental notification
- parent-teacher conference
- creation of a behavior modification plan
- detention (silent lunch, after school, or another time that does not interfere with the instructional day)

More than 3 referrals:

- overnight suspension
- in-school suspension
- parent-teacher conference and review/create behavior modification plan