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Yinghua Academy Policy YA-015

YA-015: SUSPENSION OF COVID-19 RELATED FACE COVERINGS

I. GENERAL POLICY

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with public health guidance and federal law, Yinghua required all persons to wear a face covering when they were in any building that is owned, leased, or operated by or on behalf of Yinghua Academy, regardless of vaccination status pursuant to YA-013 COVID-19 Related Face Coverings. As of March 30, 2022, Policy YA-013 is suspended and persons are no longer required to wear a face covering when they are in any building that is owned, leased, or operated by or on behalf of Yinghua Academy. Anyone who wishes to wear a face covering or face shield is free to do so. This policy applies to students, staff, and visitors.

Should public health conditions change, however, the School may need to resume mandatory face coverings and reinstitute Policy YA-013. Any decision will be made by the School Board in consultation with the School Nurse/Covid-19 Coordinator and the Executive Director. Factors which may be taken into account regarding the use of face coverings include a determination by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the rate of COVID-19 in Hennepin County is “high” or a determination that COVID-19 is spreading within the Yinghua community.

No student, employee, or visitor may bully, unlawfully harass, or unlawfully discriminate against any student or employee because the student or employee voluntarily chooses to wear a face covering or a face shield or chooses not to wear a face covering or a face shield.

Legal References:

CRC January 29, 2021 Order: Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs

Cross References:

Policy 504 (Student Dress and Appearance)

Other References

MDE Best Practice Recommendations for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools for the 2021-22 School Year

CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

CDC Your Guide to Masks

MDH Recommendations for Wearing Masks

MDH Masking Recommendations for Child Care: COVID-19