

We at Micanopy Academy understand that there are strong feelings on both sides of the mask mandate issue. Our primary goal is to provide a safe, healthy, and effective learning environment for our students while respecting the rights of parents to make decisions for their children. In light of this, [Executive Order 21-175](#), and [Florida's Parent's Bill of Rights](#), we have decided on the following for the 2021-22 school year until further notice:

- Masks may be worn on a voluntary basis by all staff, students, and visitors to Micanopy Academy. Parents have the right to decide whether their child will wear a mask while at school.
- School staff will not enforce the wearing of masks and it will be up to parents to convey their wishes to their child, supply their own masks, and ensure they are worn throughout the day if that is their choice.
- In accordance with the Florida Department of Health's [Emergency Rule No. 64DER21-12](#), children whose parents have chosen for them to opt out of wearing masks will not be separated, excluded, or discriminated against in any way.
- We will NOT be performing temperature checks during morning drop-off. If your child has a fever of over 100 degrees, please keep them home until they are fever-free for a minimum of 48 hours.
- Staff, students, and chaperones will follow the mask mandates of any destination business or organization during all field trips.
- Similar to the 2020-21 school year, visitors will be kept to a minimum. Parents may contact their child's teacher via email, phone, or a written note. Meetings must be scheduled in advance.
- Covid-19 specific cleaning services will be performed once per quarter, and during any period of school closure caused by an active case of Covid-19 on our campus.
- Enhanced cleaning of touchable surfaces will continue to be performed on a frequent basis to prevent the spread of disease.
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing will continue to be encouraged throughout the day.
- Micanopy Academy will cooperate with the local health department to provide Covid-19 vaccines to our students just like we did at the end of the previous school year. These, again, will be voluntary and will not be administered without written permission from a parent or guardian.