



Mask wearing guidance for graduations and promotions

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In advance of student promotions and graduations this week, we want to remind you that a school culmination ceremony is not an essential site operation and the cooperation of the community is needed to make this special event possible.

With this in mind, we are following mask and distancing protocols from our guiding agency, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, LACDPH. Additionally, these are private events and SMMUSD will maintain protocols in the best interests of the broader community.

Here is our expectation for promotion and graduation events this week, from the LA County Health Reopening Schools protocol for visitors to campus:

Anyone entering school property who has contact with others (students, parents, or other employees) is required to wear a face mask. Visitors arriving at the school are reminded to wear a face mask at all times while in the school. (This includes outdoors.) This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older. Individuals who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face mask must wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves must not be used.

Your school has provided information to you with regard to expected physical distancing during the ceremony.

We appreciate your cooperation and support as we look forward to sharing this special privilege with you this year.

Congratulations to your family!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent