

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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To reduce the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recommends that districts implement safety measures while transporting students on buses. The board authorizes the superintendent or his/her designee to establish procedures for district transportation as well as personal transportation of students.

Students who are ill, demonstrating symptoms of illness, or have been in contact with an individual experiencing symptoms, will not be transported to school.

Parent/Legal Guardian Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Parents/Legal guardians will remain in their cars during drop-off or pick-up of students at the designated locations.

When dropped off, students will go directly to their classrooms. Similarly, at the end of the day, students will follow procedures to exit the building and wait for pick-up.

Students will not congregate outside of the building before or after school without maintaining social distancing measures. Staff members will be assigned to the designated drop-off and pick-up areas to make certain that the appropriate protocols are being followed.

Student Drivers

After parking, students will go directly to their classrooms. Similarly, at the end of the day, students will follow procedures to exit the building.

Students will not congregate outside of the building before or after school. Safety protocols will be followed at all times when students arrive and leave the school grounds.

Bus Transportation

Bus stops

Parents/Legal guardians should ensure that students are following safety protocols while at the bus stop. Students will either remain in parent/legal guardian vehicles or maintain a six-foot distance from other students, to the safest extent possible, until the bus arrives.

Students will not congregate after being returned to the bus stop. Students should immediately be picked up or walk to their respective homes.

Riding the bus

Students and staff members will wear a face covering while on district transportation unless an exception has been authorized.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer may be provided at the doors of the bus and monitored by the bus driver.

Students will be assigned seating and will be spaced apart as practicable in accordance with the recommendations of health officials.

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When circumstances permit, windows will be opened to enhance the flow of fresh air. Otherwise, the driver will increase outdoor circulation using the vehicle's ventilation system.

Cleaning

The bus driver will clean and disinfect the bus, especially seating and commonly touched surfaces, after each bus route.

Discipline

Failure to comply with this rule by a staff member or student may result in disciplinary action in accordance with district policy and codes of conduct, as applicable.

This rule is intended to be effective until further notice and to align with district policies. To the extent it does not align, it will supersede others in accordance with applicable laws and regulations in effect at the time. For clarification on potential conflicts between policies, the interpretation of the superintendent or his/her designee is final.

The board authorizes the superintendent or his/her designee to amend these requirements as necessary to meet health and safety guidelines.

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