

Student Training

The school district will provide student training related to proper hand washing techniques, sanitizing, and social distancing. School staff will teach, reinforce, and provide an example of what six feet distance looks like. Student will be instructed to stand six feet apart when they are lined up at the bus stop. Since students are not accustomed to social distancing when interacting with peers, patience will be provided by school staff to allow adequate time for students to adjust to this “new” normal.

Students who ride the bus must comply with these strategies to ensure their safety.

Seating

Seats will be assigned to each student using the district’s seating chart. Students will sit in the assigned seat for the entire school year unless the seat is changed by the bus driver. Seats will be filled as much as possible from the back to the front when boarding. Bus drivers will have a roster of the students who are assigned to their bus on the designated days of the week. Before unloading the bus in the morning and evening, the bus driver will document attendance.

Student Temperatures

Upon leaving homes, parents should be encouraged to take the temperatures of students before leaving for the bus stop. If there is any indication of fever, students should stay at home. All students will have a temperature screening upon entering the school each day.

If a student with a fever must be transported on the bus, the student will be seated at the front of the bus on the door side and separated from the students as much as possible. Upon arrival, the student will be escorted to the office where the student will be monitored until the parent or guardian can pick the child up. The student should be placed in an isolated room from other students and staff members until he/she is released to the parent.

The district has policies and procedures in place for isolating students who develop a temperature or other symptoms during the day. **Temperature scans are not required for boarding the school bus.** However, students who develop a fever or other symptoms during the school day should not be transported home on the school bus.

Hand Sanitizer

Each student will sanitize their hands upon entry and exiting the bus with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. The hand sanitizer station will be at the front of the bus where the bottle will be placed in the cupholder for display. The driver will provide training so that each student riding his/her bus will thoroughly understand the procedure for sanitizing each day. At the end of the route, the hand sanitizer will be removed from the bus to prevent overheating.

Masks

It is recommended that students in grades K-12 wear masks when they are riding the school bus. The bus drivers and monitors will need to remind students to keep their masks on. The district may need to provide training, so students will understand the appropriate way to wear their

masks. Videos and other media presentations can be uploaded on the district's website for parents to view the proper way to wear masks. Parents should be encouraged to practice wearing masks with their children each day while increasing the length of time daily. This will assist the child in tolerating the masks while they are at the bus stop and on the bus.

The school district will provide masks for students who may not have access to one from home, and an adequate supply of masks will be kept on the school bus for students who may not have one. Exceptions to wearing a mask may be granted for medical reasons and will be documented in the child's file at the school site. The transportation director will be notified when students have medical documentation, so the bus driver can be notified. For students who are unable to wear masks, it is important that they practice social distancing.

The bus drivers and monitors will wear a mask or face shield unless a medical waiver is granted. In the event a medical waiver is provided, it will be kept on file in the transportation department.

Number of Students on the Bus

The following charts indicate options for seating arrangements. Students who live in the same household may sit together in any configuration.

To achieve social distancing of 6 feet between students (skipping one seat), the following number of students will be able to ride the bus:

Rated Capacity	Number of Students
(Special Needs Bus)	
(Special Need Bus)	
71	11

Decreasing social distancing to allow for one student per seat, not skipping any seats, the following number of students will be able to ride the bus:

Rated Capacity	Number of Students
(Special Needs Bus)	
(Special Needs Bus)	
71	22

Decreasing social distancing to allow for two students per seat, not skipping any seats, the following number of students will be able to ride the bus:

Rated Capacity	Number of Students
(Special Needs Bus)	
(Special Needs Bus)	
71	44