

2020-2021 School Year

Bus Ride FAQ

Information you need to know!

1 Will my child be required to wear a mask for the entire length of route?

Per the Connecticut State Department of Education recommended guidelines for reopening schools, students are required to wear a face mask or cloth face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth during transit. The student's face covering must be in place prior to boarding the bus and must be kept in place until they are completely off the bus.

2 What happens if a child refuses to wear a mask?

For the safety of all passengers all students must wear a face masks or cloth face covering at all time during the bus ride. Students who refuse to wear a face mask will not be allowed on the bus.

3 Will there be assigned seats?

Passengers should load into the bus from the back row to the front (where the first passengers onto the bus sit in the back row) and then unload the bus in a controlled manner upon arrival at the school from front to back by seat. This will reduce the number of people walking by as they get on the bus and will prevent crowding in the center aisle when the bus arrives for unloading. Once a student is seated they will be required to stay seated in that seat.

4 Will my child be required to sit next to another student?

Siblings are encouraged to sit together in the same seat if possible. Children will be required to sit next to other students on the bus.

5 Are buses sanitized between all route runs? (seatbelts, etc.)

All buses and vans will be disinfected by assigned staff using an approved disinfectant after the morning and afternoon route completion. Drivers will be required to manually wipe down all high touch points on the buses and vans between schools. All cleaning schedules will be documented for each vehicle.

6 Will the driver have Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the route?

The driver and bus monitor (if assigned) will wear a face mask or cloth face covering during the entire bus ride and have hand sanitizer and disinfectant on board.

7 Will temperatures be taken before a child boards the bus? AM/PM?

Temperatures will not be taken for students prior to boarding the bus.

8 If a child is sick at the bus stop and the parent has already left, what happens?

The school will be contacted for guidance and assistance.

9 We took a vacation in a state that is on the CT Travel Advisory list. Will my child have to quarantine before starting the school year?

Any student who travels to a state on the Connecticut Travel Advisory List must quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state.

10 If my child gets sick at school will transportation be provided?

Transportation will **not** be provided to students who get sick at school. Parents are expected to provide transportation for sick students.