

Covid 19 bus protocols

In order to prevent students from being exposed to or spreading the Covid 19 virus we will use the following protocols when busing students:

1. Students should be observed by a parent or guardian before leaving for the bus stop to ensure that they show no signs of symptoms or fever before departing for the bus stop, if any symptoms or fever are present they should not ride the bus. If students show symptoms on the bus they will be held on the bus until assessed by the school nurse or staff member before being allowed to enter the building. Parents will be notified if student needs to be pickup and returned home.
2. It is Important that students are waiting at the stop when the bus arrives as loading times will be longer.
3. Upon arrival of the bus students should enter the bus and use the hand sanitizing station before proceeding to their seat, it is **highly recommended** that students wear a mask when enroute to their seat or exiting the bus this will help prevent surfaces that students pass by being exposed and remain sanitized, students should refrain from touching any seats while moving down the aisle to their seat.
4. Students will proceed to the farthest empty seat to the rear of the bus and be seated next to the window, students shall sit one (1) students per seat to maintain social distancing, if bus capacities are exceeded students from the same family may be seated more than one (1) to a seat in the same row.
5. Students must remain seated next to the window until it is time to exit the bus, students must refrain from standing or reaching over the seats for any reason as the seat back is a barrier to distance from the student in the seat directly in front or back of them.
6. When it is time to exit the bus the student will unload front to back, the student closest to the exit door will unload first, students will remain seated until the student exiting before them is a minimum of 3 seats away, students should maintain a social distance of six (6) feet at all times.
7. Any time students exit the bus all students will exit the bus to maintain social distancing, the bus will stop at the elementary first, Jr. high and High school students will then load back on the bus and proceed to the high school to unload.
8. Students returning home will have a seat assigned to them in the order they will be dropped off, students with the highest number seat should enter the bus first and proceed to their seat following loading protocol, students should maintain a social distance of 6 feet while waiting to enter the bus, after the first students has used the hand sanitizing station the next student will wait until they have reached the top step and proceeded down the aisle before entering the bus and using the hand sanitizer station.
9. If protocols are followed a student should not pass any other students while entering or exiting the bus and social distance should be maintained. While it will be a challenge to learn and implement these protocols it will take a team effort of drivers, students and parents to ensure the safety of our students.
10. Protocols will be observed by the driver and video surveillance, students not following protocols will be subject to standard bus discipline policies that can lead to permanent expulsion from riding the bus.