Limiting Exposure to COVID-19 Transportation Bus Protocols

Families and students must remain vigilant for symptoms. Students must stay home and may not use transportation if experiencing flu-like symptoms, if any member of their household is experiencing flu-like symptoms or have had a positive case of COVID.

1. Students are directed to sit two student per seat, in most cases. Students must stay seated and silent during the bus ride. Students will face forward for the duration of the trip and keep their feet on the floor in front of them and out of the bus aisle. (Van capacity will differ)
2. Students will seat the bus back to front during loaded and exit front to back when they are unloading.
3. Students will get on or off the bus only at their assigned stop.
4. Students will not refuse to sit in an assigned seat or deny another person a place to sit. These seats are assigned for social distancing and assigned by loading order. Students will need to seat rear to front.
5. Students must wear masks at all times, unless an underlying medical condition would prevent them from safely doing so.
6. Students will need to still adhere to the student code of conduct as it related to buses.

**Progressive consequences for improper conduct on a school bus related to COVID19**

1. A bus conduct report is written and forwarded to the principal. The principal will warn the student and send a copy of the report to the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s).
2. A bus conduct report is written and forwarded to the principal. The student is moved to the front of the bus. The principal will warn the student and send a copy of the report to the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s).
3. A bus conduct report is written and forwarded to the principal. The student is denied bus privileges for five (5) days. The principal will notify the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s).
4. A bus conduct report is written and forwarded to the principal. The student is denied bus privileges for ten (10) days. The principal will notify the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s).
5. A bus conduct report is written and forwarded to the principal. The student is denied bus privileges for the remainder of the school year or for whatever length of time is deemed appropriate. The principal will notify the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s).

* If student loses bus privileges parent(s) or guardian(s) can transport the student to and from school or enroll your student into virtual learning.

* Special Education and Early Intervention students experiencing difficulties will be referred to the proper program (PSE) personnel for behavior planning.

My signature below indicates I, the parent/guardian understand and have discussed bus procedures with my child and are aware of the consequences. (Please sign below.)

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Student’s name and School

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