

Transportation for the 2020-2021 school year will look a little different due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In an effort to transport students in the safest way possible, the following are a few of the measures that will be followed for transportation of students by bus and passenger vehicles in the Shawnee Mission School District.

Enrollment

New this year, we are requiring ALL that want to receive bus service to enroll online. This includes those that qualify for free busing.

- For those who qualify for free busing (residing over 2.5 miles from school)
Click here to enroll: [Shawnee Mission Bus Registration](#) .
- For those enrolling in Parent Pay Busing (where routes are offered): Click here to enroll:
<https://dsbuslinesm.revtrak.net/-school-bus-parent-pay#/list>

Bus fees will be prorated for the days that district is in remote attendance per JCDHE gating criteria.

Additional information may be found on the SMSD transportation webpage:

<https://www.smsd.org/families/transportation>

Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting Buses

Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned between bus routes. Sanitizing & disinfecting will occur at the end of each day using CDC approved disinfectant.

Required Masks

Masks will be required of all bus riders for the entire time they are on the bus. Failure to wear a mask may result in loss of privileges to ride the bus for a period of time up to the remainder of the semester. Masks will be available on each bus should a student forget or lose their mask in the transition to and from school. State guidance permits bus drivers to remove their mask for safety reasons while operating the bus. Drivers will wear a mask while students are entering and exiting the bus.

Assigned Seats and Daily Roster Checks

All buses will have assigned seating and drivers will instruct students on where they are to sit and will attempt to distance students when possible. Students residing in the same household will be seated together. Any student not enrolled for transportation and attempting to ride the bus will require alternative transportation arrangements home from school (parents contacted).

Staggered Dismissal from Bus & School

Students will be released to enter the school one bus at a time upon their arrival. Dismissal will be done in a similarly staggered fashion which will allow students to travel to their bus with as much distance as possible.

Bus Stops

Social distancing between students is recommended at all bus stop areas. This will require parents to help communicate this expectation with children.

For more information go to the [District Operational Plan for Reopening Schools](#).

[2019-2020 Spring Semester Transportation Credit Information](#)

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