

Hart County Schools Transportation Department

Transportation guidelines have changed due to the covid-19 pandemic. Following the guidelines set forth by the CDC, Kentucky Department for Public Health, State of Kentucky, and Kentucky Department of Education, the following procedures have been implemented by Hart County Schools with the health and wellbeing of every student and bus personnel in mind.

1. KRS 158.110 Transportation of pupils. (1) Boards of education **may** provide transportation from their general funds or otherwise for any pupil of any grade to the nearest school to the pupil's residence within the district if the pupil does not live within a reasonable walking distance to such nearest school of appropriate grade level. We want to provide transportation for all students and have a plan in place to do so, but if students will not follow these procedures, bus transportation will be denied.
2. Students in grades 1-12 riding a bus shall wear a facemask. Virtual learning will be granted on a case by case basis when wearing a mask can not happen.
3. If a student removes, refuses to wear, incorrectly wears or interferes with another student's face mask, the first offense is 3 days off the bus with the second offense being off for the remainder of the year. Types of facial mask will be addressed in the student dress code.
4. When boarding the bus each student shall have their temperature taken by school personnel. If a student has a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees, and if the parent/guardian is present, the student will not be allowed to load the bus. If no parent/guardian is present, and the student loads the bus, the student will be placed in the front seat, door side, and apart from other students. The school will be alerted upon arrival.
5. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available on each bus.
6. Bus seats will be filled from the back of the bus to the front when boarding and from the front to the back when exiting the bus.
7. Each student will have an assigned seat and must remain in that seat at all times. The Driver and/or monitor will assign each student a seat. Failure to do so will result in bus riding privileges being suspended as stated in #3.
8. Documentation (a manifest) will be kept with the student's name, temperature, assigned seat number, and days of attendance am/pm on the bus. This will be used to help with contact tracing efforts.

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9. Due to the bus capacity being limited, only students physically living along the bus route will be permitted to ride that bus. No additional students will be allowed to ride the bus that is not on the regular bus rider list.

10. Students must ride the original, or first, bus route that is scheduled to their address. Once a bus drops off students at the elementary school, the bus will immediately proceed straight to the high school, and will not pick up any students between the two schools. High schools students may board the bus at the elementary schools to ride to the high school. Temperature checks, masks and assigned seats must be adhered to.

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PARENT CONSENT FOR USE: By signing this form, you hereby accept and agree that your child's rights to ride the bus provided by the District and/or the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in District policy/procedure. Before your child can receive transportation services, he/she must accept the service agreement and, in certain cases, obtain your consent.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Name of student
