

## **RSU 9 Transportation Department Student and Parent/Guardian Expectations**

The need to ensure the safety of students and staff in the current environment is making us all look at student transportation with a new perspective. The need for social distance, collect contact tracing data, clean and sanitize, and provide for the safety and wellbeing of all presents some unique challenges and opportunities. In order to help prepare students for the change in routine we have prepared a list of what students and parents/guardians can expect.

### **1. Bus Stops**

- a. Parents/guardians should take their student's temperature and ensure they are not experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms prior to approaching the bus stop location. If a student's temperature is higher than 100.4 or experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms the student **must** stay home.
- b. At consolidated bus stop locations, students and parents should wear a mask and practice social distancing. Parent support and supervision at the bus stop is strongly encouraged.

### **2. Entering the Bus**

- a. Students will be asked to line up, leaving space between each student, and wait their turn to enter the bus.
- b. Students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus. If a student forgets their mask, a disposable mask will be provided by the bus driver.
- c. Upon entering the bus, students will be expected to use hand sanitizer.
- d. Each student will have a Z-pass

### **3. Seating**

- a. Each student will have an assigned seat and will be expected to sit in the area of the seat that has been marked as open. Those entering the bus first will be seated at the back of the bus and will fill in from back to front. 1 seat per student, however siblings or those living in the same household must sit together.
- b. Pre-K students who need to be buckled in the child safety restraint system can have a parent and/or teacher (wearing a mask) board the bus and buckle their student(s) (these students will be seated at the front of the bus).

#### **4. Riding the bus**

- a. To improve air flow windows and/or roof vents will remain open as weather permits.

#### **5. Exiting the bus**

- a. When unloading the bus at school, home or day care, students will exit the bus one seat at a time from front to the back while maintaining social distance.

- b. Pre-K students who need to be unbuckled at school will exit the bus first. Pre-K students who need to be unbuckled at home or day care will need a parent/guardian to board the bus and unbuckle the student. Please remember that adults entering the bus **must** wear a mask and use hand sanitizer.

- c. Before exiting the bus, students will be expected to use the hand sanitizer.