



## Magnolia School District

### Transportation Guidelines-Procedures

- Magnolia School District Transportation Department will follow the Governor's Executive Order on mask requirements. All persons on an MSD bus or in any other MSD vehicle will be required to wear a mask (unless they are the sole occupant).
- If an occupant refuses to wear a mask in situations where they are required (which includes MSD busses/vehicles) the refusal could be considered insubordination and addressed according to the corresponding handbook.
- This does not imply that students will be denied transportation due to not having a face covering.
- Bus Drivers will be provided with a supply of disposable masks which can be distributed as needed so long as that supply lasts.
- Magnolia School District Transportation Department will follow the Governor's Executive Order on mask requirements. If a student consistently refuses to follow the Executive Order regarding face coverings, the first step in the disciplinary process would be a parent contact. If that does not resolve the issue, a parent conference would be the second step. If after these documented attempts to correct the issue have not succeeded, MSD may require parent transportation to and from a student's campus until the issue is resolved.
- The bus is a confined area where physical distancing is not feasible. In addition, when riding in MSD school busses or standing at their bus stops, students are considered to be on school property.
- If students maintain a distance of six feet apart while waiting on the bus to arrive, masks would not be required (though would remain strongly encouraged) per the Executive Order.
- There are exceptions for students with health, sensory, or other conditions. Expectations regarding an eligible student's wearing of a mask will be addressed in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Individual Healthcare Plan, or 504 plan.
- In other words, documentation of the medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering must be provided as would be required for any medical condition or disability for which modifications must be made.

- Parents should use the current ADH Guidance to screen each student prior to sending the student to board the bus.
- Drivers will be designated and trained to disinfect each bus after each trip based on current CDC and ADH guidance.
- Drivers will be wearing a face covering or mask (including cloth face covering) at all times. Districts may need to make special accommodations on mask type for drivers as needed.
- All busses/drivers will be provided with all necessary sanitizing products.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and used at the service door of each bus in the morning and before students enter the bus each afternoon.
- There will be assigned seating. The same students will sit together each day. Where possible, students from the same households will be seatmates.
- Windows and roof-vents will be open to allow for air circulation when weather allows.
- Parents are instructed to keep their child at home if they are ill.
- Parents should screen for the following before sending their student(s) to school each day:
  - Unexplained cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, loss of taste or smell.
  - Close contact with infected person (COVID-19) within the previous 14 days.
  - Fever of 100.4 or above within the last 48 hours.
- **Any student or staff member with a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater or symptoms of possible COVID-19 virus infection should not be present in school.**
- Again, due to the confined nature of public school busses, social distancing measures will be difficult to maintain. **Magnolia School District strongly encourages parents to bring their students to school when possible.**

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