



Hello Bulldog Families,

This email is specifically about transportation for our students.

Please be aware that in order to keep accurate ridership counts, which will allow us to maintain reduced capacity on our yellow buses, only those that made a request when registering for the current year have been assigned and will be allowed to ride. Be advised that if you have not requested transportation for the current year, you will not be assigned to a route.

If you registered your student and did not make a request, but would like to do so, log in to Skyward Family Access, select 2020-2021 Registration, select your student, then click on “Go back to review completed steps.” There you can access the Transportation section and submit a new or revised request.

If you have not completed on-line registration for the 2020-2021 school year, we kindly ask you to do so immediately.

Please read through these procedures and instructions carefully so you are fully aware of how we are handling cleaning of buses as well as bus ridership.

Bus cleaning procedures:

- **After every run: Wipe down all high touch surfaces with a microfiber cloth and a disinfectant-detergent. Microfiber cloth to be used only once. High touch surfaces include entrance handrails, seat backs/tops, and window ledges. We will also wipe down the driver area, including steering wheel, gear shift, and switches.**
- **End of every day: Fog bus with electrostatic disinfecting fogger similar to Clorox 360.**
- **Every Monday: Full wipe down/interior cleaning. Wipe all seats, sweep/vacuum and/or mop, clean windows.**

Bus loading and riding procedures:

- **Load from back of the bus to front. First student on the bus proceeds to the very last seat. Each additional student goes to the last available seat, filling in towards the front. We will utilize assigned seats to reinforce this loading procedure. Each student will also utilize a hand sanitizer station upon entry and exit of the bus.**
- **When riding, each student is expected to keep their mask on and their hands to themselves. There will be absolutely no eating on the bus. Students that receive a breakfast or lunch from school to take home will be required to keep that and any other food in their backpack.**

· **General Info on Bus Routes:** While capacity is set at 50 students per bus by the Illinois Department of Public Health, every effort is being made to keep that number well below that threshold. Where possible, students will sit in a seat by themselves or with a family member.

We are busy finalizing the bus pick up and drop off times for this year for our students. We continue to add students to routes and our drivers are making dry runs this week. We anticipate that pick up and drop off times will be available later this week--we'll send you an email when that information is available in Skyward.

If you have any questions about transportation, please contact: transportation@ms.k12.il.us

OR CALL:

217-586-4443

Thank you!

Very sincerely,

Dr. Lindsey A. Hall

Superintendent of Schools