



# Bus Transportation Plan

Pupil transportation is a vital component of the education system. There are many facets and hurdles that must be addressed in order to provide the safest transportation possible. This document includes guidelines that will be utilized as Washington County Schools reopen. All guidance included in this document will be reviewed and adjusted as new information becomes available from local, state, and federal health officials. In addition, individual student needs will be considered based on health needs and/or disabilities.

## Parent Support

1. Parents help monitor bus stops and remind students of social distancing requirements.
2. Parents discuss the need to wear masks with their children and allow their child to wear a mask prior to the first day of school to ensure their child is familiar with how to put a mask on and become comfortable wearing a mask for a period of time.
3. Parent should not send their child to school if they are sick or not feeling well. Temperatures should be taken at home, prior to arriving at the bus stop. Students should not attend school if the temperature is 100.4 or above.

## Bus Stop

1. Social distancing
  - a. School staff shows students what 6 feet “looks like” during opening days of school.
  - b. Students will be encouraged to follow social distancing requirements when waiting at bus stops.
2. Students 1<sup>st</sup> grade and above must wear a mask at the bus stop if they are less than 6 feet from other students.
3. Parents encourage social distancing and ensure students wear masks.

## Riding the bus

1. Masks:
  - a. Required for 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Parents decide mask wearing requirement for their Preschool and Kindergarten student
  - c. If a student has a medical exemption prohibiting a mask, this will be considered on an individual basis.
2. Hand sanitizer available in the front of all busses.
3. Assigned seating for all students who ride the bus.
4. Driver takes attendance of who rides the bus daily.
5. Proper ventilation practices on the school bus.
  - a. Roof hatches and all windows open weather permitting.
6. If there is a monitor on the bus they will assist the driver with social distancing and ensuring students wear masks.
7. Reduce or eliminate idle time with students on the bus.
  - a. Drivers will monitor wait times and make minor adjustments if possible to reduce time

students are waiting on a bus.

### **Bus driver**

1. Drivers have proper PPE
  - a. Each driver will wear a mask.
  - b. Drivers will use gloves for any direct contact with students.
2. Buses must be cleaned between each run.