

1.) Do the students sit in the same seat morning and afternoon? Or do they have two seats: one in the morning and a different seat in the afternoon?

We mirrored our routes so that we are able to keep the students in the same seat. We have MS and HS the same, if we decide to transport HS. (LC)

Students may have two seats it will depend on when they get on the bus in the am and when they get off the bus in the pm. (WA)

We have been attempting to mirror routes as much as possible to keep the students in the same seat. However, at times, this may not be possible. For these instances, students are assigned a different seat for AM/PM based on their bus stops. Students will load the bus from back to front and unload the bus from front to back. (CW)

2.) Are any of you allowing transportation changes? (ex: certain days students go to a different location other than their home?)

No we are not allowing any exceptions at this time. We are a smaller community and are able to just say no. We do have dual family and we asked that they choose one but not both. (LC)

NO alternate stops. For years transportation supervisors have complained about allowing alternate stops. In Ohio we are only required to pick up at their residence and drop off at their residence. Court orders overrule this practice. (WA)

There are very few exceptions for bus stop changes. In addition, when transportation requests are made, we have been communicating that these changes may take longer than prior years due to the changes related to COVID-19. (CW)

3.) For elementary, how do you make sure KG students are not in the back of the bus?

Due to the back first to the front seating and due to the 6' (ish) rule we are having them sit in the seat that we have assigned, if a family or cohort student then we will have them sit together, window and middle seat. We all know that we don't like K in the back but covid doesn't pre-select who it wants to infect. (LC)

Unfortunalty our K students will be in the back of the bus. Usually they will have a sibling or someone from their neighborhood. (WA)

Our students will be assigned based on the route. In Twinsburg, all kindergarten students are assigned to one building with only preschool and kindergarten. (CW)

4.) Are drivers wearing a face shield as well as a mask while students are loading and unloading and then raise the shield up while driving so it doesn't inhibit site visibility?

Our state director requested that: No face shield, if they are touching the shield at each stop they are still having their hands too close to their face. They can wear glasses, sun or clear, or a goggle type of eye gear providing they have peripheral vision. Keeping their hands away from their face area as best as possible. (LC)

No face shield only wearing the mask (WA)

Face shields are available for our drivers, however, for our region, a face shield is not approved as a substitute to a face mask. Therefore, bus drivers must wear a face mask and a face shield is optional. (CW)

5.) How do they load the buses in the afternoon at dismissal time? If the first students that get on the bus go to the back since they are the first ones on the bus, but may not be the last ones off and then would have to walk past other students.

Teachers or staff have them lined up so that they are sitting according to their stop and the first stop is the front seats and they get on last, all the way to the back which gets off last. (LC)

You have a report created in LE or ViewFinder and the school will have them load correctly. Last one off are the first ones on. (WA)

We are providing lists of assigned seats to our buildings and working with the building principals to have the students lined up by assigned seat in order at the bus in the correct order. (CW)