

## What Families Can Expect



# School Transportation Policies During Covid-19 Pandemic

### Student Transportation Eligibility

In order to comply with recommended safety precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the CMSD Board of Education temporarily amended its transportation policy to limit the number of students that can safely board and travel on school buses during Hybrid Learning.

Temporarily, during the pandemic, students who live less than two miles from their school are not eligible for transportation on a yellow bus. Students assigned to ride RTA will receive two (2) single-ride bus tickets per day from their school.

After the pandemic, CMSD will return to our normal transportation policy that enables significantly more students to qualify for yellow bus transportation.

### Transportation Assignments

Student transportation assignments were mailed and will arrive in homes the week of February 22.

### Transportation Safety

Rules for transportation conduct and safety will be distributed to families, along with an emergency form that needs to be signed by parents to ensure parents and students are aware of the rules, and that drivers have accurate, up-to-date emergency contact information for parents of our riders.

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### COVID-19 Guidelines for Bus Transportation

- Students must wear a face mask when entering a yellow bus and for the duration of the ride.
- Students must sanitize their hands upon boarding the school bus.
- Students must sit in their assigned seat—one seat per child—and socially distance, as required, with no exceptions.
- Students are permitted only to board the bus at their assigned stop.
- Students are required to wear face coverings and be socially distanced (6-feet) from others at all assigned bus stops.
- Social distancing and face masks are required when boarding and exiting all school buses.

### Health Monitoring

Parents are required to check each morning for signs of illness before allowing their child to walk to school or board a school bus. Keep your child at home if your child exhibits:

- temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.
- any cold or flu-like symptoms, including:
  - Cough
  - Diarrhea
  - Severe headache
  - Vomiting
  - Body aches
  - Runny nose

### Tracking Your Child's Transportation

Families can track their child's transportation vehicle in real time using CMSD's mobile Bus Tracker. To sign up for Bus Tracker, click on this link for [Edulog Parent Portal](#)

### CMSD Transportation Hotline

216.838.4BUS



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### Behavior During Transport

- Students should show the same respect for bus drivers that is required for their teachers and principals at school.
- Students should follow the instructions of the driver or attendant at all times.
- Disrespectful behaviors such as pushing, shoving, fighting, shouting and swearing are prohibited on the bus and at all bus stops. Any student who is observed or reported for such conduct will face disciplinary action.
- Students face consequences if they engage in prohibited behaviors as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct*, including but not limited to:
  - bringing food or drinks onto the bus or eating/drinking on the bus.
  - bringing drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, animals or anything not conducive to safe riding onto the bus.
  - littering the bus, or throwing items out of the windows or at other vehicles or persons.
  - carrying harmful or illegal items on the bus, including drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, animals or anything not conducive to safe bus riding.
- Students should not lean from seats, face backward during transport.
- Students should keep their hands to themselves at all times.
- Students must keep the aisle clear so the driver can see out the back of the window.
- Teasing, taunting or disturbing the driver or other riders, as well as people outside the bus, are prohibited.
- Students should keep their head, feet and arms inside the bus and inside assigned seat at all times.
- Vandalizing the bus in any way risks the student or his/her family being liable for damages.
- Students should not touch emergency latches or doors unless there is an actual emergency that requires an emergency exit.
- Use of electronic devices (cell phones, head sets, CD players, iPods, laptops, etc.) is strictly prohibited, and must be stored in a backpack, pocket or purse upon entering the bus and during transport.
- Students should remain quiet at all railroad crossings, and listen for the driver's instructions when approaching and stopping at a railroad crossing.
- Improper conduct during bus transportation may result in suspension or expulsion from school transportation and/or disciplinary action as defined in the *Student Code of Conduct*.

