

# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROTOCOLS

KCSD is committed to safely transporting students in the fall utilizing the following protocols to promote student/staff safety.

- Parent/Guardian will take student temperatures daily and keep any child with a temperature of 100.4 or higher at home as they are not permitted to board the bus.
- Parents should monitor the bus stops and help remind students of the social distancing requirements.
- Schools should assist with educating all kids on all aspects of social distancing.
- Face Masks/shields must be worn by bus drivers if they do not interfere with the health and safety of the driver.
- Staff and students in kindergarten and up, riding a bus shall wear a face mask at all times, unless medically waived. Each bus shall have a supply of masks for those students who do not have one.
- Students not required to wear a mask should sit in the front of the bus.
- Students kindergarten and up who provide the school with a medical exemption from a licensed medical professional are not required to wear a mask.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on each bus and should be utilized by students upon entering and exiting the bus.
- Buses will be frequently cleaned (e.g., seats, windows, step rails) after routes are completed (e.g., morning route and afternoon route). Bus windows shall be open whenever possible.
- Schools will organize an effective queuing approach to accommodate physical distancing for students in the loading/unloading process.
- It is recommended that parents/guardians and students follow state/local health guidelines while congregating at bus stops.
- Each rider shall have an assigned seat and to the extent possible seats will be filled from back to front when boarding.
- Preschool and kindergarten will sit toward the front of the bus.
- Students who live in the same household should sit together.
- The seat directly behind the driver may be left empty when possible.
- Each bus will have a roster of eligible student riders (passenger manifest) and document the assigned seats for contact tracing. At morning routes, rider attendance will be documented on the manifest before unloading at school. For afternoon routes, rider attendance will be documented on the manifest before the bus leaves the school.
- When the bus arrives at school each student shall have their temperature taken by the Bus Driver or Bus Monitor prior to disembarking the bus. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher shall not be permitted to remain at school. Parents/Guardians of these students shall be immediately notified.
- Bus passes shall not be granted for children not assigned to a particular bus route outside of any extenuating circumstances approved by the building principal.