



2020-2021 Bus Requirements

Marlborough Public Schools has instituted new bus procedures for the 2020-2021 school year to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Fall Reopening Transportation Guidance published by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guided the development of the MPS bus requirements. Marlborough school medical staff, the operations task force, and public health officials contributed to the creation of the bus procedures.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

REGISTRATION: Students must be registered to ride a bus. The school will notify registered riders of their bus number by September 15th. If you have not been contacted and provided with your bus number, you are not registered or eligible to ride the bus. Please contact the Transportation Coordinator (see below) or your school with any questions.

STUDENT ROSTER: Each bus driver will have a list of registered students eligible to ride that bus route. If your name is not on the driver's list, you will not be permitted to board the bus. Please do not bring or send your child to the bus stop if you have not been informed by the school that your student is eligible to ride that specific bus.

ASSIGNED SEATS: Seats will be assigned, and the driver will inform the student of their seat number. Large yellow buses which have a regular maximum capacity of 77 students will be limited to 25 students this year. There will be only one student per bench seat. An exception to the capacity limit and seat policy will be allowed for siblings of kindergarten students. Siblings on kindergarten buses will be allowed to sit together on a bench seat.

MASKS: Students are required to wear a mask covering the mouth and nose before boarding the bus. Masks will be required for the duration of the ride.

HEALTH CHECK: If your child is not feeling well or has been in close contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19, please do not send them to the bus stop or school.

HAND HYGIENE: Your student should thoroughly wash hands before arriving at the bus stop.

BUS CLEANING: The entire bus will be cleaned and disinfected every evening. Furthermore, high-touch areas will be disinfected between each bus run.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Phalen, MPS Transportation Coordinator (508-460-3509 x13815, transportation@mps-edu.org.) or your school.