

SANTA MARIA ISD TRANSPORTATION GUIDE-LINES

The Santa Maria Independent School District Transportation Department have set the following guidelines, For drivers, students, coaches and sponsors pending on the outcome or situation of the covid-19 virus at the start of the 2020-2021 school year and school bus routes are approved for operations from The Texas Education Agency and Department of Public Safety, then the following guidelines listed below must be performed to a ensure the safety of our students, drivers and staff.

- All school bus drivers must be tested for covid-19 at the beginning of the school year or a temperature reading before driving a school bus.
- Driver should always wear a facial mask, face shield and latex gloves while operating a school bus with passengers.
- All students or other passengers riding the school bus to and from school are required to wear a facial mask while inside the school bus on route. If student does not have one, one will be provided by the driver. **(note that students will be screen for temperature reading before boarding the bus. Any temperature 100f or above student will not be allowed to board the bus parents and school will be notified)**
- All Students should use the sanitizer dispensers placed at the service entrance door of the school bus upon boarding.
- All students, sponsors and drivers should keep facial masks on at all times while in route.
- All Students and other passengers riding the school bus will be seated at a minimum of 6 feet apart, (See diagram on next page,) Siblings may seat together in the same seat if coming from the same household. Note: that AM routes seating of students will begin at the rear of the bus to avoid students bypassing each other, and will unload at school from the front of the bus first.
- Loading at School campus, in the afternoon Student will be seated according to drop-off order to avoid bypassing each other.
- Bus roof Hatches or windows will be open to permit air circulation in the school bus.

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- **Extra-curricular, Field Trips and After school programs:** all students, coaches, sponsors or other passengers will be screen for temperature before boarding the bus. Every passenger should wear a facial mask at all times while riding the school bus until arrived at assigned destination, and use the sanitizer dispenser upon boarding the bus.
- **By TEA, CDC and Department of public Safety.** All school buses should not transport more than 20 passengers per route or Extra- curricular Activity.
- All students, coaches, sponsors and other passengers riding the school bus must be seated a minimum of 6 feet apart, (See diagram on the next page,)
- School bus drivers will clean and disinfect school buses at the end of every AM/ PM route, Extra-curricular and after school programs.

This are the Santa Maria ISD Transportation guidelines with the support from all Administrators, Staff, Parents and Support Services in order to protect and keep our Students, Teachers and Community Safe Thank You For your support.

