

## Student Transportation



Due to COVID-19 social distancing recommendations, it is highly recommended students provide their own transportation. Parents who can transport their student to/from school are encouraged to do so to help minimize the number of students riding the bus and allow for minimized contact. Cassville R-IV School District will communicate to parents and students information on new processes. They will instruct parents to not allow students to attend a school or take the bus if sick.

Modifications to bus loading and unloading procedures will be made, hand sanitizer will be available to students for loading and unloading from the bus. Students will be assigned seats to limit exposure and buses will be loaded from the back to the front to minimize student contact and interaction. *Students will only be able to ride the bus they are assigned to, except in true cases of emergency.*

### **Bus Procedures:**

- Bus Drivers and students will be required to wear facemasks/facial coverings.
- Students are highly encouraged to practice physical distancing while waiting for the bus at their designated bus stop.
- Bus drivers will watch for continued coughing and may request a student sit in a designated area on the bus and offer the student a mask.
- The bus driver will immediately alert the school administration upon arrival.
- Drivers will sanitize the rail frequently with an EPA approved disinfectant
- When students are loading, the practice/procedure will be to load back to front.
- Drivers will sanitize seats between use with an EPA approved disinfectant.
- The front row seats will be used at the discretion of the driver and/or Administration.
- Bus drivers will not work if they are sick.
- Drivers will assign seats for all riders to assist the Health Department for contact tracing.
- Students within the same household (or students who are considered in each other's stable group) may be assigned seats together or in seats across from, in front of, or behind each other.
- Drivers will limit the number of students per seat to 2 when possible, but no more than 3 on regular routes.
- If a child refuses to wear a mask, the driver will not force the child to wear a mask.

### **Loading and Unloading:**

Avoid congestion as the student's load and unload buses. Stagger when buses load and unload to the extent possible.

