

TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION 2020/21

For our Magnet families utilizing M&J Bus Transportation

Buses/Drivers:

Buses will be sanitized/cleansed each day immediately following the morning run and again prior to the afternoon run (vehicles sit idle 10-12 hours over night). Drivers will also wipe down heavy traffic areas in between runs.

Drivers and van aides will receive updated training (IE social distancing, sanitizing, and hygiene practices). Drivers (and aides as required) will be equipped with face masks. Drivers (and aides as required) will wear masks whenever students are on the bus.

Drivers will have sanitizer available on each vehicle.

Windows will be down and roof hatches will be open for airflow (weather permitting).

Loading and Unloading at Hub Stops/schools:

Parents are being asked to have students remain in vehicles until transportation arrives.

Please remind your child (ren) that they will be required to wear a face mask when getting on the bus and that they will be required to wear the face mask the entire ride.

Please remind your child (ren) to social distance (6') while boarding bus/van.

For safety reasons, parents are being asked to wait until bus/van pulls away whenever possible.

In the mornings, students will board the bus/van starting at the rear and will move forward as more students' board. When the buses arrive at the schools, students' will start at the front of the bus/van to unload, with the back of the vehicle being the last to unload.

In the afternoons, when picking up students at the schools, students will board bus/van wearing a mask. Students will be required to wear their mask the entire ride. Students will board the bus according to their drop off locations. The first students to load will be the last drop off: the last students to board will be the first drop off. Students will go to the rear of the bus/van and fill moving to the front of the vehicle.

Upon arrival to the drop off locations, students will exit starting from the front of the bus/van working to the back.

Please remind your child (ren) to social distance (6') after getting off the bus at their stop.

For our Colchester and Special Education families utilizing LEARN Van Transportation

Airflow: Although each van is equipped with AC, drivers have been asked to open all windows (weather permitting) to help with airflow while transporting students.

Face masks: All drivers (and van aides as required) will be equipped with face masks. Drivers (and aides as required) will wear masks whenever students are on the van.

All students will be required to wear a face mask when getting on the van (unless a medical clearance is provided). The student will be required to wear the face mask the entire ride, and will continue to wear the face mask while exiting the van.

Loading and unloading vans: When arriving in the morning to P/U student(s), they will go to the rear of the van, starting on the driver side, and will fill moving towards the front of the van, with the last student sitting behind the passenger seat.

Upon arrival to the school, students will leave the van starting with the student closest to the door. The last student to leave the van will be the student in the far back seat behind the driver.

When arriving at the schools to P/U students, they will be put on the vans according to drop offs. The first student to board will be the last student off and they will go to the rear of the van (behind the driver). The remaining students will board the van and will fill moving towards the front of the van, with the last student sitting behind the passenger seat. The last student to board the van will be the first student off.

Sanitizing/cleaning vans: All vans will be sanitized/cleaned during the day; in between the morning and afternoon runs. Drivers will have the ability to sanitize/clean the vans at other times (after PM runs) if the need arises, as the majority of drivers take their vans home each day.

Capacity: Vans will run full capacity, with no van aide being required (unless per IEP).