

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

OPERATIONS
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Student Transportation Vehicles and School Buses

8635 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND SCHOOL BUSES

All student transportation vehicles and school buses will be scheduled to maximize their use while ensuring all routes are scheduled in a safe manner for drivers and passengers.

Student transportation vehicles and school buses will have time periods during the day between scheduled bus routes when they are not in use. These time periods may vary from route to route and vehicle to vehicle depending on issues such as a school's opening and ending times and the location of students transported to and from the school. Based on scheduling issues and the amount of time between transportation routes, the school bus driver may be required to return the school vehicle/bus to the school district transportation facility during the school day. In the event the schedule does not provide adequate time or it is not practical for the vehicle/bus to be returned to the school district's transportation facility between routes during the school day, the school bus driver may be required to park the vehicle/bus at another school building or location in the school district designated by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

If the transportation route is for student transportation to and from a school building out-of-district, the driver may be required to return the transportation vehicle/bus to the district's transportation facility or to a school building or location designated by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the time period between routes. In the event there is not adequate time or it is not practical for a vehicle/bus to return to the school district between out-of-district transportation routes, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary will authorize the vehicle/bus remain at an approved location between such routes. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the driver and the out-of-district school, will designate a location for the driver to maintain the vehicle/bus in between the scheduled routes.

The safety and security of the transportation staff and the school vehicle/bus will be the most important consideration in designating an out-of-district location for vehicles that may not return to the transportation facility during the school day.

Pandemic Reopening and Recovery

1. Students shall be required to wear masks on all school buses. School vehicles will have a limited supply of masks in case students forget their masks.

2. Students who take off their masks and refuse to wear them shall be verbally warned by the driver or aide.

3. ~~Students who do not comply after this warning will be~~ If a student repeatedly attempts to board school vehicle without a mask, they will be reported to the Building Principal and will have bus privileges suspended for family intervention and support follow-up.

4. Students with a documented physical or health impairment that limits the ability to wear a mask shall be exempt from this requirement.

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