



## TRANSPORTATION PLAN

### Daily Transportation:

Students who qualify for transportation with Columbus City Schools must apply for transportation at <https://www.ccsch.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4818>. Students who live within two miles from school are classified as a WALKER and therefore will not qualify for transportation. The school administration will assist families with applying for transportation.

### Bus Procedures

- All drivers, Intervention Aides and Childcare Attendants will be required to wear masks while on a school bus.
- Families will be expected to conduct a Health Assessment of their children before leaving their homes for school. Parent must keep students home if they exhibit any of the following systems:
  - Cough/Trouble breathing
  - Temperature >100
  - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Chills/Body shakes
  - Muscle Aches
  - New loss of taste of smell
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Or if exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19
- Students will be required to wear masks while at bus stops and on school buses.
- Students who do not wear masks will not be transported and the incident will be reported to their respective building administrators.
- Social Distancing of six feet apart, when possible, will be implemented on all Columbus City School buses.
- Children will practice social distancing of six feet apart at their bus stops.
- Children will enter the bus through the regular entry door and be seated from the rear of the bus to the front. Children will exit the bus through the main door, from the front seat to the rear seat.
- The bus will contain a bottle of hand sanitizer and a spray pump bottle containing disinfectant.
- Children will be provided 1 “squirt” of hand sanitizer when boarding a bus.
- Drivers will create and maintain a seating chart for students who ride their buses. This seating chart will be used when students board their buses.
- Every bus will be disinfected by the bus driver after each run. Driver will spray disinfectant on common touch points (hand rails, seats, etc.)
- Each bus will be disinfected at the Bus Compound after its morning and afternoon routes have been completed.



## **Bus Stop Procedures**

- Parents conduct a health assessment before students leave the house. Parent must keep students home if they exhibit any of the following systems
  - Cough/Trouble breathing
  - Temperature >100
  - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Chills/Body shakes
  - Muscle Aches
  - New loss of taste of smell
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Or if exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19
- Students must wear masks and practice social distancing of six feet apart.
- Students must sanitize their hands when boarding bus.
- Student will board the bus at the front door and walk to the back of the bus to start seating.
- Students may not change or move between seats.
- Students will unload at the school starting with the front seat to the last.
- Boarding the bus at the school in the PM, students stand in a designated place of safety observing social distancing recommendations of six feet apart.
- Students loading buses in the PM should load from the front door and start with the last seat, assuming routing is in reverse order from the AM. Ex: first student off the bus should sit in the first seat, last student off of the route should be seated in the last seat on the bus. Students should be lined up in order of route drop off when boarding so as not to pass each other.
- Drivers should designate the place of safety for students to stand when unloading at home stop.
- Students needs to continue practicing social distancing of six feet apart at designated place of safety when unloading at home stop.

## **Fleet**

- Assure that all buses are disinfected prior to the reopening of school.
- Assure that all school buses pass Ohio State Highway Patrol Inspections prior to the reopening of school.

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## **Student Bus Stop Release Information**

All students in grades Pre-K thru 2nd grade must be met at the bus stop each afternoon by a parent or guardian.



Parents or guardians can grant permission for transportation to release these students without a parent or guardian by completing a “ School Bus Drop-Off Permission Slip” which can be obtained by your student's bus driver.

## SUSPENSION OF BUS RIDING/TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES

Students on a bus or other authorized vehicles are under the authority of and directly responsible to the bus/vehicle driver. The driver has the authority to enforce the established regulations for bus/vehicle conduct. Disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the authority of the driver will be sufficient reason for refusing transportation service to any student.

A student may be suspended from school bus/vehicle riding privileges for all or part of a school year for any violation of established regulations for bus conduct and/or for conduct occurring on the bus/vehicle in violation of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code.

Before a suspension from bus/vehicle riding privileges is imposed, the Superintendent or other designated school personnel will provide a student with notice of an intended suspension and an opportunity to appear before the Superintendent or other designated school personnel. Disciplinary suspension periods will be commensurate with the infraction(s) committed as determined by the Superintendent or designated school personnel.

Any additional guidelines regarding conduct on school buses/vehicles, as well as general information about the school transportation program will be made available to all parents and students and posted in a central location.

Homeless Students:

### **Homeless Students:**

The School shall provide transportation services for all homeless children.

1. Prior to enrollment students indicate if they need transportation
2. Transportation is assigned on the first day of school
3. When homelessness occurs after enrollment students will work with their engagement coach on all new transportation request
4. Engagement coaches are responsible to work with the student, family engagement coordinator and community partners to ensure transportations is never a barrier that prevents the student from attending school
5. Since homelessness may occur across school, county or State boundary lines, coordination among multiple agencies may be necessary. The School will work with appropriate State and local agencies to address transportation issues that may not be resolved by the school. The School shall provide or arrange for adequate and appropriate transportation to and from the school of origin while any disputes are being resolved.



### **Foster Care Students:**

The School shall provide that transportation services for children in foster care consistent with the procedures developed by the School in collaboration with the State or local custodial agency. These requirements apply whether or not the LEA already provides transportation for children who are not in foster care.

In order for a student in foster care to remain in his/her school of origin, when in his/her best interest, transportation services shall be provided, arranged, and funded for the duration of the child's placement in foster care. The School's transportation services will provide that:

- A. Children in foster care needing transportation to their schools of origin will promptly receive that transportation in a cost effective manner and in accordance with Section 475(4)(A) of the Social Security Act; and
- B. If there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin, the School shall provide such transportation if 1) the local custodial agency agrees to reimburse the School for the cost of such transportation; 2) the School agrees to pay for the cost; or 3) the School and the local custodial agency agree to share the cost. (ESEA 1112(c)(5) (B)).

The School will collaborate with the SEA, other LEAs, and custodial agencies to pursue possible funding sources and arrangements to deal with transportation costs.

### **Coordination of Service:**

1. Prior to enrollment students indicate if they need transportation
2. Transportation is assigned on the first day of school
3. When Foster Care occurs after enrollment engagement coach will work LEA on all new transportation request
4. Engagement coaches are responsible to work with the student, family engagement coordinator and LEA to ensure transportation is never a barrier that prevents the student from attending school
5. Since foster care placements may occur across school, county, or State boundary lines, coordination among multiple agencies may be necessary. The School will work with appropriate State and local agencies to address such placement and transportation issues that arise. The School shall provide or arrange for adequate and appropriate transportation to and from the school of origin while any disputes are being resolved.

No Governing Authority policy, administrative procedure, or practice will be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, or school success of children and youth in foster care.



## **GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY OF EXTRACURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION**

The determination as to whether to provide transportation for students, spectators, or participants to and from extracurricular activities shall be made solely by the school district administration. This determination shall include, but is not limited to, the decision to provide transportation, the persons to be transported, the type or method to be utilized, all transportation scheduling and coordination, and any other transportation arrangements or decisions. Employees who are involved in extracurricular activities shall be advised by the administration as to the transportation arrangements made, if any.

### **I. DISCIPLINE**

Conduct that occurs off The Academy for Urban Scholars grounds and/or at non-school related activities may be the subject of discipline by the school administrator if the conduct has a relation to the school and has a direct effect on the general welfare of the school.

#### **PROHIBITION FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Participation in extra-curricular activities, including interscholastic sports, is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, the Governing Authority authorizes the Superintendent, School Director, and other authorized personnel employed by the school to supervise or coach a student activity program, to prohibit a student from participating in any particular or all extra-curricular activities of the school for offenses or violations of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code.

In addition, student athletes are further subject to the Athletic Code of Conduct and may be prohibited from participating in all or part of any interscholastic sport for violations therein.

This policy shall be posted in a central location in each school building and will be available to students upon request.