



MADISON COUNTY  
SCHOOLS

MARK OF EXCELLENCE

# TRANSPORTATION

## BUS SERVICE

Transportation service provider Durham School Services works closely with the District and schools to follow safety protocols of the District, local and state government, and the Mississippi Department of Health and CDC. Parents are a key partner in helping make school transportation safe and effective this year. Due to a shortage of bus drivers, routes may be combined so that all students needing transportation can receive service. This situation may result in longer ride times. Parents should be aware that while Durham strives to have the same students on each bus each day to reduce the potential for close contact, the driver shortage and need to combine routes may make doing so impossible.

- All students and drivers are required to wear cloth face coverings.
  - Face coverings are required at bus stops and throughout the route.
  - Drivers will provide a District-supplied disposable face covering to any student who has lost or forgotten to wear a face covering.
  - Drivers will report any violations of face covering policy to school administrators.
- Social distancing is employed to the extent possible on each bus but cannot be guaranteed.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring students to school in order to reduce the number of bus riders and better enable social distancing among children who do use the buses. Those using the bus are encouraged to have a consistent transportation plan, with students leaving from and coming to the same address each day. Consistency enables the group of riders on a bus to be the same each day, decreasing the number of students who may come into close contact with one another.
- As feasible, morning routes will load students into assigned seats from the back of the bus to the front. Afternoon routes will seat students in bus stop order with first stop at the front and riders who stop last seated at the back of the bus.
- As feasible, students will be assigned to the same bus in the morning and the afternoon to support the seat assignment system and limit close contact. Due to a shortage of available bus drivers, some routes may be combined and assigned seating cannot be guaranteed.
- Hand sanitizer is provided for students and bus drivers.
- Drivers are screened daily for symptoms of illness.
- Field trips are suspended until further notice.
- Buses are sanitized following both the morning and afternoon routes, and buses are aired out between uses as practicable.

Questions? Contact Durham School Services at 601-859-0077.