

# Hanover Township Public Schools

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year commencing on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**. Your bus pass information is located on the reverse side of this correspondence.

### **THE FOLLOWING IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC WHILE RIDING OUR DISTRICT SCHOOL BUSES:**

- 1) Assigned Seating will be used on all district school buses for contact tracing purposes.
- 2) Seating will occur from second row back leaving the 1<sup>st</sup> row vacant for social distancing from driver.
- 3) Siblings may share seats.
- 4) Students will be seated starting at the back of the bus, moving forward as other students enter the bus.
- 5) Students will be dismissed from the school bus one at a time ensuring social distancing guidelines.
- 6) Masks are required on all district transportation per Gov. Murphy's Executive Order #251.
- 7) Mandatory mask requirements are regardless of vaccination status.
- 8) Adequate supplies of child and adult sized masks readily available for your convenience.
- 9) Buses will be cleaned and sanitized after each tiered route twice daily.
- 10) Air Atmos-Clear UVC air sanitizers are operational on board each district school vehicle.

**\*Kindergarten/Pre-K parents/guardians must meet his/her child at designated bus stops during afternoon return trips from elementary school!** Designee forms are available online on our website and/or within your neighborhood school if you require another family member and/or other responsible adult to meet your child at their bus stop. If you and/or your designee are not present at the bus stop to meet your child, we will call your main contact phone number and if no answer, the bus driver will return your child back to his/her school. It will then become your responsibility to pick-up your child from his/her school's main office.

### **ADDITIONALLY IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION RULES TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD:**

- 1) Always be ready 10 minutes earlier than scheduled at your designated bus stop.
- 2) Never run toward any bus that is clearly in motion.
- 3) Stand far back from the roadway until your bus has arrived and fully stopped.
- 4) Board the bus in an orderly fashion. Be patient, do not push and/or shove any other student.
- 5) **Remain in assigned seat with your seatbelt fastened tightly for your personal safety.**
- 6) Do not yell, shout, stand, fight and/or disrupt other students at any time.
- 7) Eating, gum chewing, and/or drinking is strictly prohibited while riding on board the bus.
- 8) Stow away any backpacks, instruments, etc in the 20x10x10 area underneath your seat.
- 9) Keep all emergency door and window exits clear of any body parts and/or personal items.
- 10) Obey the bus driver's instructions at all times while on board and/or exiting the bus.
- 11) Cross 15-20ft in front of the bus and await driver's safe signal before crossing any roadway.
- 12) Never crawl under bus to retrieve any dropped item. Always notify driver of your intentions.

**All school rules, including those that pertain to the harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying of any student, will be in effect and strictly enforced while riding the school bus. Ridership may be denied to any student who proves to be a chronic disciplinary problem. Students are reminded that all buses are equipped with seatbelts including video surveillance cameras to enhance passenger and driver safety.**

If you should have any further questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 973.515.2444. Additional information and Waive Forms may be found on our district website: **[www.hanovertwpschools.com](http://www.hanovertwpschools.com)**.

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