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All pupil 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.

Pupil 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 pupils transported to and from the school. Based on scheduling issues and the amount of time between transportation routes, the school bus driver shall 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 Pupil Transportation and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor.

If the transportation route is for pupil transportation to and from a school building out-of-district, the driver shall be required to return the transportation vehicle/bus to the district's transportation facility or to a school building or location designated by the Pupil Transportation and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor 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 Pupil Transportation and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor will authorize the vehicle/bus remain at an approved location between such routes. The Pupil Transportation and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor, 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.

Bus Procedures to Reduce the Spread of Contagion

- A. To the maximum extent practicable, bus drivers will ensure that students and adults comply with appropriate social distancing practices (at least six feet between riders) while on the school bus. Hand sanitizer will be made available at the school bus entrance for use when boarding.**
- B. Drivers should practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff, including hand hygiene and face coverings.**



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- C. Students must wear face coverings while riding on the bus if social distancing or physical barriers cannot be maintained. Accommodations for students who are unable to wear face coverings should be consistent with the student's IEP. For adults, accommodations shall be consistent with those provided by the school district for staff and others;**
- D. Bus drivers will be reminded to implement certain personal hygiene actions (e.g., frequent hand washing) and be afforded the opportunity to do so (such as having sufficient time between routes);**
- E. District vehicles will be cleaned and sanitized including seats, rails, and highly touch surfaces before each run.**

- F. Contracted transportation providers shall be required to clean and sanitize seats, rails and highly touched surfaces before each run. The district shall collaborate with the contracted service provider to develop these procedures and ensure that they are consistently followed. The contracted service provider shall collaborate with the district in establishing cleaning/sanitation protocols that are consistent with social distancing practices. The contracted service provider shall ensure that employees are fully trained in the implementation of the established protocols:**

- G. All personnel responsible for cleaning school buses shall document the cleaning/sanitizing measures taken. Personnel are required to:**
 - 1) Demonstrate an understanding of the established protocols that must be taken to properly clean and sanitize the bus; and**
 - 2) Provide a certification that, before the route commenced, the required process was completed as required.**

- H. These procedures will include a minimum of two stages: cleaning, which removes dirt and germs from surfaces; and disinfecting, which kills germs on surfaces that remain after cleaning.**
- I. The procedures will identify sanitizing agents that may be used and will be limited to products included on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of products that have been shown to be effective against COVID-19.;**

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