



Orono Schools

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2020-2021 Transportation Guidelines

The 2020-21 Planning Guide For Schools released by the Minnesota Department of Education includes guidance regarding student transportation. This guidance asks school districts to limit the number of students on a bus to create as much space as possible between students, recognizing that it is not always feasible to have 6 feet of social distancing. This will mean that school buses' capacity will be reduced by 50%, and school districts do not have access to additional school buses.

Due to the above guidance, the school district has had to change some historic transportation practices.

- Assigned Seats
 - Due to contract tracing, each route will have assigned seats. This will be at the driver's discretion. Families will also be asked to sit together.
- Two-week Route Freeze
 - Each year the district imposes a two-week freeze on all routes. This will continue for the 2020-2021 school year. This means that there will be no changes to routes for the first two weeks of school.
- Face Coverings
 - All students are required to wear a face-covering at all times while on the bus.
- Route Configuration
 - Due to limited capacity on our routes, we have had to re-configure our routing system. Some families might have a different bus number and time than in the past.



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- Bus Passes
 - Due to limited capacity and contract tracing, the school district will no longer be issuing bus passes. All students need to ride their assigned buses.

- Extracurricular
 - Due to limited capacity on our routes, the district is unable to transport students to extracurricular sites.

- Out of District Collector Stops
 - Our collector stops are currently at capacity. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please [click here](#) to be placed on a waiting list. When a spot is available, we will contact you.