

BASD Transportation

August 2020

As we prepare to reopen our schools, we recognize that many of our students require school district provided transportation to get to and from school. We are doing everything we can to ensure our buses are as safe as possible, including cleaning every bus in between runs. We have also reworked some of our routes and updated our arrival and dismissal procedures to limit the amount of time students are actually on their bus. However, the school bus is one area where we will not be able to keep all students 6 feet apart for the duration of their ride to and from school. Please review the procedures below before the first day of school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

At Home Temperature Checks

Before entering a school bus, we ask that all parents/guardians check their child's temperature at home. If the child's temperature is 99.5 or higher, please refrain from allowing them to board the bus or attend school in person.

Face Masks/ Face Coverings/ Face Shields

Per the Governor's universal mask order, all students will be required to wear face masks/face coverings/face shields on the bus. While we will spread students out as much as possible, it may not always be possible to provide 6 feet of space in between all students at all times.

If a student cannot wear a face mask, face covering, or face shield while on the bus for a medical, mental health, or disability reason, we will work with the parents/guardians to make alternative transportation arrangements for the safety of that student as well as the other students on his/her bus route. If possible, we ask that parents of students who cannot wear a face mask/face covering/face shield while on the bus consider driving their child to school.



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Transporting Your Child

A number of parents have shared that they intend to drive their child to school instead of using the bus. We would appreciate it if families would inform us of their intent to transport their child to school, home from school, or both by taking our survey. We will still keep a seat on the bus for the child, but it will help us plan. Transportation survey:

<https://forms.gle/fUEjZaFJuGqw7BsZ8>

Transportation Cards

By now you should have received your child's Transportation Verification Card in the mail. The purpose of this mailing is so our Transportation Department can verify that we have the correct information on file for our students. If the information for your student is correct, no action is required. If you require an address change, please contact the Transportation Office at transportation@butler.k12.pa.us.

Please note that the Transportation Verification Card will only display addresses and stop locations. BASD families will receive a card stating bus information and pick-up/drop off times mid-August. All students will be assigned a bus route, even if they are registered for our Cyber Learning Program. Additional information regarding your child's homeroom assignment will be sent separately.

Temporary Bus Pass

At this time, we are unable to issue Temporary Bus Passes to students who wish to ride an alternate bus. We encourage students to only ride their assigned bus and to contact the Transportation Department if a permanent change is required.



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Child Care/ Custody Arrangements

If you require child care or custody arrangements for the 2020-21 school year, please submit your request to the Transportation Department as soon as possible. Transportation requests for Child Care & Custody must be renewed yearly at the start of every school year, even if the arrangements have not changed. Commonly used transportation request forms are available online at: www.basdk12.org/administration/transportation.

Butler County Area Vo-Tech School

BCAVTS is scheduled to begin the 2020-21 school year on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. If you are a Butler Area School District student requiring transportation to BCAVTS on August 26, 27, 28, & 30th, please email the BASD Transportation Office at transportation@butler.k12.pa.us to make arrangements. Your email should include student name, complete address, and a reliable phone number. We ask that you please submit requests for BCAVTS transportation by August 12th.

Guidelines for BCAVTS transportation on these dates is the same as outlined above for our 2020-21 transportation procedures. Please refer back to the above sections titled At Home Temperature Checks and Face Masks/Face Covering/Face Shields.

