

East Prairie Schools

Transportation Protocols

Our goal is to make sure students are transported safely to school. With the current social distancing guidelines, East Prairie R-II School District will have new protocols in place for the 2020-2021 school year. Please read the following information carefully.

- We are encouraging **ALL** parents to transport their child(ren) to and from school to minimize the number of students on school transportation (buses).
- All students riding the bus will be required to wear a mask at all times. One mask will be provided for every student riding the bus.
- If a student currently has transportation written into their IEP plan, the IEP team will make the most appropriate decision for those students.
- Due to social distancing guidelines, the district has approved restricted bus routes for the 2020-21 school year. This decision will provide additional safeguards for the health of our students and allows adherence to CDC recommendations.
- If you have a residence within **one mile of school**, transportation services **WILL NOT** be provided without a waiver.
- Waiver applications will be available on Wednesday, July 22nd and can be found on the school website and social media. All applications must be returned to the district administrative office by August 3rd. Please review the attached map to see residences within the one mile radius.
- Bus eligibility will be based on distance from the location determined that is central to our campuses.
- All parents that request a bus transportation waiver will be notified prior to school starting of the student's eligibility to ride a bus to school.
- All students riding the bus will have assigned seating. Siblings or any student living in the same residence will be asked to sit together on the bus.
- Bus stops will be reorganized in order to reduce the number of students congregating at a bus stop.
- Buses will be disinfected after each bus run.