

MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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TO: Parent of students that ride school bus transportation

FROM: Morehouse Parish Schools

SUBJECT: School Bus Transportation Requirement

Students are no longer required to wear fact masks in the school building. However, federal law mandates that students are required to wear face mask when using school district's bus transportation. The only exemption from this requirement is a person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act determined by the school system's Pupil Appraisal Department or a written doctor's note.

Bus drivers will not allow a student to board the school bus without a face mask. In addition, bus drivers will require students to wear their face mask properly (covering the mouth and nose) while riding the school bus. Failure to comply with this requirement will subject the student to suspension from the bus as follows.

- First offense warning. The bus driver will attempt to contact the parent for help with the situation.
- Second offense 3 day suspension off the bus.
- Third offense 5 day suspension off the bus.
- Fourth offense indefinite suspension off the bus. The parent must contact Child Welfare and Attendance to get the student back on the bus.

The bus driver and the school will supply students with a face mask to a certain extent, but not on a regular basis. I suggest that you encourage your student to place his/her face mask in their book bag, purse, pocket, etc. for safe keeping for use for the return trip home. Teachers will also encourage students to do the same. Students that cannot keep up with their face masks will be subject to suspension as listed above.

In addition to this written memo, you will get an all call covering the same information. This information is also on the school web-site.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated