


BENTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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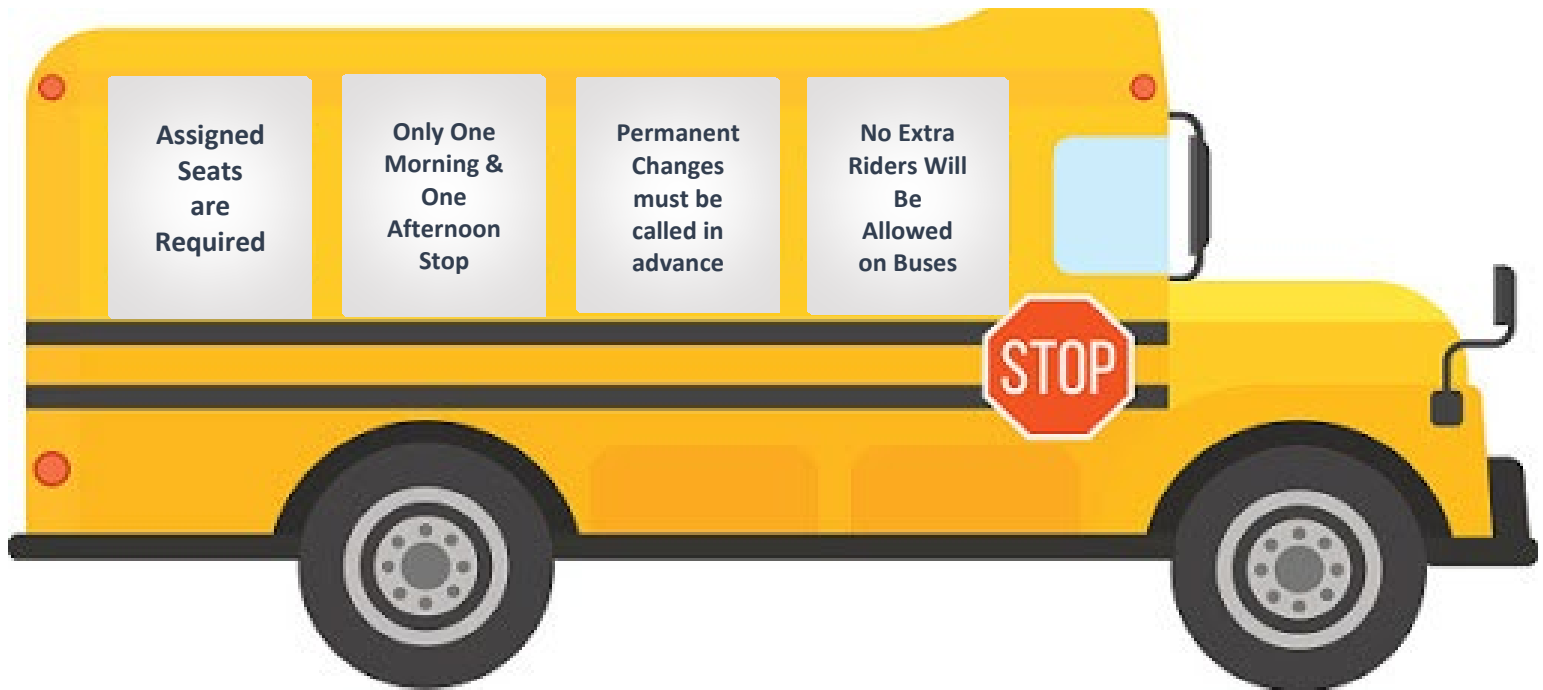


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BUS CHANGES FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR



Due to health/safety concerns relating to COVID-19, we have made the following changes to student transportation in Benton County:

1. **Assigned seating on school buses will be mandatory.** Upon entering the bus, drivers will have a specific seat designated for each student. Children that live in the same household will be required to sit together. Assigned seating on buses will be essential to contact tracing in the event a student is identified as COVID-19 positive. If your student does not comply with this rule, administrative action will be taken.
2. **Masks are expected and recommended by the CDC, TN Health Department and local health officials when students/staff cannot socially distance.** Students are expected to wear a mask when they are on the bus. Buses will be disinfected after each route and at the end of each trip by spraying seats and high touch areas, such as stairwell handles. We are asking for your cooperation in screening your children for coronavirus symptoms such as fevers before putting your child on a bus.
3. **No extra riders will be allowed to ride the bus.** Bus routes will be provided for students who live along each specific route. Friends of regular bus riders will not be allowed to ride starting this year.
4. **No extra drop off locations will be allowed for bus riders.** This means your student will be given one morning pickup address and one afternoon drop off location. ***If you are needing to make a permanent change to your student's transportation, you must call in 24-hours in advance by to Central Office at 731-584-6111 so that accommodations may be made.*** Please call your child's school for parent pick-up arrangements only.