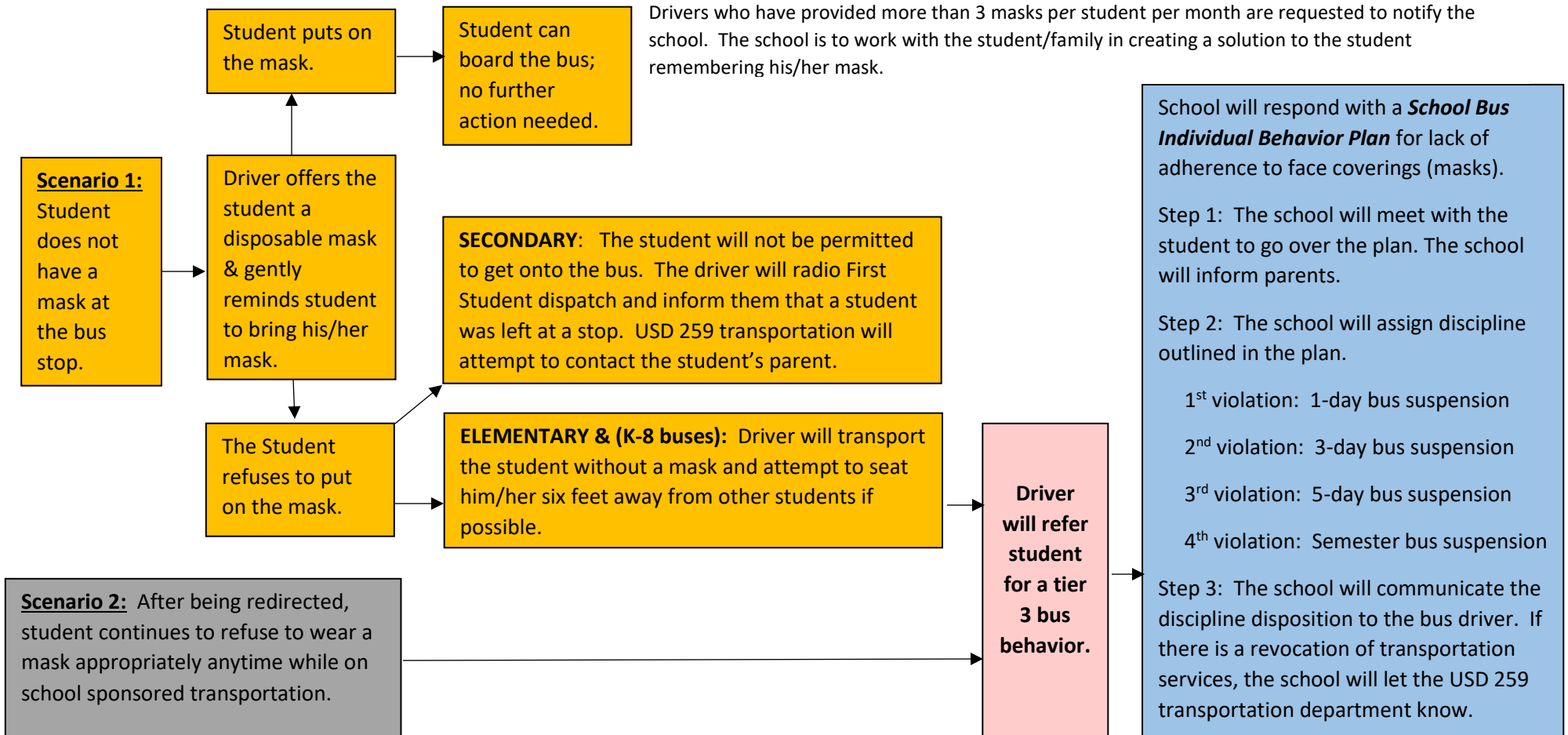


STUDENT LACK OF ADHERENCE TO FACE COVERING (MASK) POLICY

WHILE ON THE SCHOOL BUS

(FOR GENERAL EDUCATION BUS RIDERS)

EXPECTATION: All USD 259 students on school buses/vans will wear an appropriate face covering (mask) to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. This is important in a vehicle due to the lack of air-flow. Also, social distancing of at least 6-feet is difficult to implement and maintain on a bus. The flowcharts below were developed to guide responses to students who are non-compliant to the face covering (mask) rule.



SPED: Problem solving will need to occur for students who refuse to wear masks but receive transportation as a related service on their IEP (SPED Students). Drivers/monitors should attempt to seat the student who refuses to wear the mask six feet away from other passengers. Drivers/monitors should then complete a SPED communication form and communicate the incident upon arrival at the school. The school will respond to the SPED communication form quickly and may involve the driver/monitor in problem solving.

SCHOOL BUS INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR PLAN – Lack of Adherence to Face Covering (Mask) Policy

Date:

Parent:

Student Name:

Address:

Bus Run:

City, State ZIP:

Dear _____:

Bus drivers, students, parents, school personnel, and the USD 259 Transportation Department share the responsibility for bus safety. Students must follow all rules and behave responsibly while on the bus. Riding the school bus is a privilege. Student who qualify for transportation and behave appropriately while in transport will be allowed to ride the school bus.

Based on the bus rider's lack of adherence to USD 259's face covering (mask) policy, it has become necessary to place _____ (**Name of student**) on a School Bus Individual Behavior Plan, which will ensure the safety and welfare of the students on the bus.

The plan is as follows:

1. **First** violation of the USD 259 face covering (mask) policy will result in a **1-day bus suspension**.
2. **Second** violation of the USD 259 face covering (mask) policy will result in a **3-day bus suspension**.
3. **Third** violation of the USD 259 face covering (mask) policy will result in a **5-day bus suspension**.
4. **Fourth** violation of the USD 259 face covering (mask) policy will result in a **revoke of transportation services for the remainder of the semester**. The student will be suspended from the bus.

Please be advised that such a plan is in accordance to the authority of Board of Education Policy 7310, School Bus Safety and Discipline, and Policy 7311, School Bus Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Service.

School Official: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Student: _____

Note: Although the School Bus Individual Behavior Plan has a place for parent signature, it is not required in order for the school to take action or institute the plan.