

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

מודעה ממנהלי הבית ספר

NORTH SHORE HEBREW ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

Great Neck residents recently received the email below from James Popkin, Supervisor of GNPS Transportation, regarding busing service for the upcoming school year. Please review the email, and then complete our NSHA transportation survey located below to indicate your child's transportation method for 2020-2021. Note that courtesy passes will not be issued for families who do not qualify for transportation. If you typically receive a courtesy pass, do not indicate the bus option in this survey. **Non Great Neck residents** who utilize their district's busing services should confirm their transportation arrangements and complete the survey as well.

It is essential that you [complete the NSHA transportation survey](#) no later than **Wednesday, August 19th**, so we can determine whether we need to make any safety or scheduling changes to our arrival and dismissal procedures for grades K-8.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE NSHA TRANSPORTATION SURVEY](#)

All families who utilize busing service are responsible for communicating to their children how crucial it is for the safety of our community for them to follow GNPS Transportation safety protocols. This includes wearing masks at **all** times while on the bus in addition to the others noted in Mr. Popkin's email. Any parents who choose to coordinate a carpool with other households must ensure the driver and all children wears a mask while in transit. We are all responsible for our community safety including our students, teachers, bus drivers and families.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring a smooth and safe school year.

Yours,
Rabbi Dr. Jeffrey Kobrin

REMINDERS:

- Any parent who is opting to begin the school year with remote learning for their child must contact Rabbi Kobrin, Mr. Sigal, Mrs. Elana Helfgott or Rabbi Acobas no later than **TOMORROW**,

Monday, August 17th.

- This Wednesday, August 19th, we will hold a [Zoom information session](#) for parents in grades Toddler-Eight where we will hear from Dr. Sharon Nachman our medical consultant who has been guiding us for our school reopening.
 - Click [here](#) to submit questions for Dr. Nachman
 - Click [here](#) to access the Zoom

Email to Great Neck Residents from James Popkin
Supervisor of Transportation
Great Neck Public Schools

Transportation is a major function of our school system's operation. The Office of Transportation provides services for over 8,000 pupils, including those attending schools within the District and out-of-district private, parochial and special schools. Our goal is to provide for the safe, efficient, economic transportation of all Great Neck school-aged children (public, private and parochial) under current and anticipated COVID-19 conditions for the opening of schools in September 2020.

The safety of the students we are responsible to transport is always our utmost concern, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have taken extra precautions to keep our bus riders safe.

The following safety protocols are being put in place:

Personal Protective Equipment

- School bus drivers and monitors must wear a face covering.
- Drivers and monitors who have direct physical contact with a student must wear gloves.
- Students are required to wear face coverings while boarding, riding, and exiting the bus. Students who may not have their masks on a particular day will be provided one by the bus driver.
- Parents are encouraged to put masks on elementary children before they board the school bus.
- Students and staff are encouraged to wash/sanitize hands before boarding the bus.

Rider Health Screening

- Parents/guardians are required to ensure their child(ren) are not experiencing any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and do not have a fever of 100 degrees or more prior to boarding the bus.
- School bus staff shall perform a self-health assessment for symptoms of COVID-19 before arriving to work.

Rider Seating and Limits

- When students embark and disembark the bus, social distancing protocols are to be followed.
- Siblings or children who reside in the same households are encouraged to sit together.
- If the District is in session remotely, pupil transportation must be provided to nonpublic, parochial, or private schools or students whose Individualized Education Plans have placed them out of district whose schools are meeting for in-person sessions.
- The District will reduce capacity on all public, private and special needs school bus routes, by using adult vehicle capacity.

Loading and Unloading Process & Seating

- For elementary routes, the youngest students should be seated near the front of the bus (which is current practice).
- For secondary schools, students who board the bus first should be seated at the rear of the bus. The bus will be filled from the back to the front.
- Students at the front of the bus will come off the bus first, one seat at a time, for all levels.

Cleaning and Sanitization

- Drivers are required to sanitize and wipe down all high contact touch points after each morning and afternoon bus route.
- Cleaning crews will perform a more thorough task of disinfecting and sanitizing school buses.
- School bus windows will be kept open as much as possible while bus is in operation to increase air flow and circulation.

We understand due to the pandemic some parents will be transporting their child(ren) to school.

If you are willing to voluntarily forgo school bus transportation, because you are able to drive your child to school and help create social distance space for other children, please fill out this form so we can factor this into consideration as we finalize our school bus routes:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdj495gWUWMUE6QnAmxfNT0ooOg5AbZxEaHd6-LsZL3DIq4Q/viewform>

*Please note that in school year 2020-2021 we will not be providing courtesy bus passes to students that reside too close to the school to qualify for transportation.

*A pupil attending a public or nonpublic school is eligible for school bus transportation provided the pupil lives one half mile or more (Grades K-5), three quarters of a mile or more (Grades 6-8), or one mile or more (Grades 9-12) from the school attended.

Thank you.

James Popkin

Supervisor of Transportation

Great Neck Public Schools