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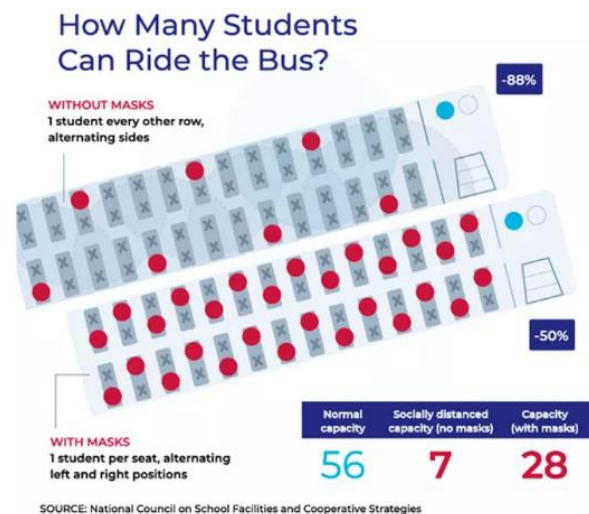
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Maximizing the number of students on a bus while maintaining social distancing is logistically complex but critical to reopening schools in a safe and efficient manner. Here are some important tips to keep in mind:

- Ensure that students ride the same bus in the morning and the afternoon.
- Assign students to the same seat each day.
- Allow siblings and family members to sit on the same bench.
- With masks, consider seating two students in every row, alternating left and right benches, which would allow 28 students on a typical bus, plus siblings. (See example below)
- Without masks, consider seating a single student in every other row, alternating left and right benches, which would allow 7 students on a typical bus, plus siblings. (See example below)
- Mark or block all seats that will remain vacant.

Example



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