



## White Bear Lake Area Schools

### Parent Responsibilities

As a vital member of the "School Bus Safety Team", the parent or guardian can help provide a safe and pleasant experience. One of the primary ways in which you may help is by reviewing safety training with your children on a regular basis.

#### **What do I need to do as a parent of a student who uses transportation?**

1. Provide the school office and transportation office with accurate student information including the student's name, home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information for the parent/guardian, and day care information. [Click here for a copy of the day care form.](#)
2. Arrange for your students to be at their bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Under no circumstances should students arrive at the bus stop more than 10 minutes prior to the schedule pick-up time.
3. Be aware that the bus will pick up and drop off students at the same stop every day school is in session.
4. Help your children learn their school name and bus numbers. Students in grades K-2 should have a "bus pass" fastened to their backpack.
5. Review with your children the bus safety rules.
6. Accompany younger children to the bus stop and meet the bus at the end of the day for the first days of school, or arrange for an older child or childcare provider to be at the bus stop for the first days of school.
7. Understand that the bus pick-up and drop-off times are based on existing weather and road conditions. Traffic congestion, road construction, inclement weather and population changes may cause minor adjustments in pick-up times. Parents will be notified of any major changes in bus schedules that will affect their child.
8. Remain alert to impending weather and have your child properly clothed for the current weather conditions. Also, consider in advance how long you child will be waiting at their bus stop possibly during conditions that may include extreme cold and wind chills.
9. Provide the child with a book bag or knapsack for books and loose papers, pencils, etc.

**IT IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, TO RIDE THE BUS!**