

Transportation - Tips For Parents

- Incidents occurring at or stemming from the bus stop may result in disciplinary action. However, general neighborhood conflicts should be resolved by the parents **before** they become school matters.
- **Make sure** your child is ready ten minutes before the scheduled pick up time. The bus driver is not expected to wait for children who are not already at the bus stop.
- For Kindergarteners, a parent or adult (18 or older) who is on the approved list that the bus driver has, must be at the bus stop to take your child off the bus. This is for your child's safety. **If no adult is present**, the driver will return the child to the school at the end of the run where the parent will be required to pick up their child.
- **Please avoid** letting your child bring large objects on the bus. Objects larger than that which may be held on the student's lap are not permitted. No objects made of glass or sharp metals are allowed.
- **Please avoid** letting your child bring objects of value, for example; iPods, video game systems or cell phones on the bus. Understand that items can be lost and the district cannot be held responsible.
- **Be aware** of school buses on the road and make sure to stop a safe distance from the bus when it is displaying flashing red lights.
- **If your child loses or forgets** an item on the bus, contact First Student at **631-874-2310** and the driver will attempt to return that item to you. Each building has a lost and found if your child lost something and it isn't on the bus.
- **Parents are not** allowed on a school bus while it is actively engaged in transporting children.
- **In an emergency situation**, if your child needs to be transported on a different bus, a note must be sent to the main office of your child's building. **DO NOT** give the note to the bus driver.
- Do not ask the driver to stop at locations other than the regular bus stops. Drivers are not permitted to do this except with proper authorization from a school official.

Transportation – General Safety Tips

- Students must cross at least 15 feet in front of the bus - never cross behind the bus.
- When exiting the bus, students should check to the right and left before stepping off the bus. Students are to then move away from the bus.
- Students should look left-right-left before crossing the road.
- If the driver blows the horn, the student is to return immediately to the side of the road from which they started.
- Instruct your child that if they drop something outside of the bus to leave it where it falls. They should only attempt to retrieve the object with an adult's supervision or when the bus has gone and the road is clear.
- School buses may utilize video cameras to ensure the continued safety of our students.
- Late bus Runs: Elementary students taking a late bus home will be dropped off at their regular bus stop. Secondary students taking a late bus home will be dropped off at a stop within a three-block radius of their regular stop. Secondary students must have a late bus pass signed by a teacher, administrator or coach in order to be permitted to take a late bus home. One discipline report on a late bus shall result in immediate disciplinary action by the building principal.