#### MISSION STATEMENT

Through partnerships and teamwork, we will provide a cooperative, responsive, and personal approach to ensure safe, secure, effective and efficient transportation to support instructional programs and services for students, families and the community.

Message from the Director:

Welcome back to a great beginning of the 2021-2022 school year!

The Student Transportation Team is looking forward to providing a safe and efficient transportation service this school year. It is our belief that by providing students the daily opportunity for learning is the key to the future success.

In addition, please consider the newly designed blue banner seen below as your personal invitation to become a member of our phenomenal Student Transportation Services Team! Our work is challenging, rewarding, and meaningful as we impact our future- The Students in VCS!

Have a great year!!

Thank you, Mitch Moyer



https://www.vcsedu.org/

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## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

**RULES & REGULATIONS** 

2021 - 2022



A special message for our Parents & Guardians



Student safety always comes first!

## **Student Transportation Services**

# ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

In order to be eligible for school bus transportation service, the student must:

 Reside two or more miles from their assigned school, be a participant in a designated Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program with an active Individual Education Plan (IEP), or a 504 Plan that has been approved by the school principal or their designee.

#### **BUS STOP LOCATIONS**

- Students should arrive at the bus stop location ten (10) minutes before scheduled time.
- Children should wait in a safe place well back from the side of the road.
- If students must cross the road to board a school bus, wait until the bus has arrived and all traffic has stopped; then wait for the signal from the school bus driver before crossing.
- The safety of children getting to and from bus stops, and while at the school bus stop location, requires the consistent and cooperative effort of parents.
- Parents are strongly urged to be at the pick-up and drop-off location each day or arrange for a responsible adult to be there.
- All bus stops are reviewed regularly for safety.

#### AT ALL TIMES

- 1. Follow the established bus rules.
- 2. Be friendly. Be respectful.
- 3. Speak with students in a kind manner.
- 4. Speak with adults in a polite manner.

### COMMUNICATION

- Dispatch Daily Hours of Operation:
  6:00am 10:00am and 1:30pm 5:30pm.
- If your student is not going to ride the morning bus, please notify the Dispatch Office prior to 6:00am.
- East Volusia Dispatch Office (386) 258-4677, XT. 50565
- West Volusia Dispatch Office (386) 736-6753, XT. 20851

#### RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

- 1. Respect the bus driver and attendant.
- Be considerate to everyone on the bus, respecting the physical condition and property of the bus.
- Students should refrain from using loud voices, profanity and/or obscene gestures. Respect the rights of others.
- Keep the aisle clear. Books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
- 5. The driver is in charge and will assign seats.
- To ensure student safety, students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion. Arms, hands, and heads should remain inside the bus.
- 7. To maintain cleanliness, there will be no eating or drinking on the school bus.
- 8. Do NOT litter on the bus or throw things from the bus.
- Do NOT tamper with bus equipment, or the emergency exits.
- Maintain complete silence at railroad crossings.
- In case of an emergency, follow the directions of the bus driver or the police if the driver is unable to give instructions.
- 12. Except for an approved service dog, animals shall not be transported on the bus.
- 13. Glass containers are not allowed at any time.
- 14. Tobacco, lighters, or open flame are prohibited.
- Parents may not ride the bus. Drivers are instructed not to let unauthorized adults on the bus. This is for the protection of all students.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN A REMOVAL FROM THE BUS FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS.

#### **GETTING ON THE SCHOOL BUS**

- Form a single line when boarding the bus.
- Sanitize your hands when boarding.
- Enter your student ID # on the keypad.
- Find your assigned seat and buckle seatbelt.
- Remain seated at all times.

#### **GETTING OFF THE SCHOOL BUS**

- Do not stand up to leave until the bus has completely stopped.
- Enter your student ID on the keypad.
- Students should exit the bus at their assigned bus stop only.
- When crossing the road, walk to the end of the stop arm. Cross only after the driver signals that it is safe.
- Make sure the bus driver can see you.
- Always stay away from the bus's back end and tires.

#### **BUS STOP INFORMATION**

Student Transportation values partnerships and open communication within our community. The resources below provide valuable up to date information related to student bus scheduled.

- InfoShare Parent Portal enables
   Parents/Guardians to verify eligibility for
   school bus transportation and the capability
   to securely access their student's school bus
   assignment.
- WheresTheBus is an application available for download to any mobile or electronic device. This integrated GPS application provides parents with their child's real-time bus location and approximate arrival information.
- For more information, please visit the Parent Resources section on the district webpage.

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