



WELCOME BACK 2023-2024 BUS RIDER FAMILIES

WE ARE GETTING EXCITED TO START ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR AND WE HOPE YOU ARE TOO!
HERE ARE A FEW REMINDERS AS WE BEGIN PLANNING TO START OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

*All bus riders will have the opportunity to have **ONE** consistent AM bus route & **ONE** consistent PM bus route. Please remember there will be no temporary changes made with the exception of being a car rider. This is for the safety for all students and transportation staff. Note: after a couple of weeks of school starting & routes being established all new riders will need a 24 hour notice and permanent transportation changes will require a 48-hour notice to allow time to make adaptations to the bus routes for the change requested. >We have opened the opportunity if your student spends one week at one parent and then switches the next week to the other parent and it is a consistent full week switch we may have options to accommodate that-please contact my office to see if that is able to be set up, several factors go into that decision but we can look into if we can make that schedule work, otherwise please prepare and plan accordingly.

*Please be out and ready for your bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the bus arriving for AM pick-ups daily. Please remember the first three weeks are very tough on timing- please be patient through this process, I assure you it will get better and more consistent. Note: buses cannot wait on stragglers coming out of doors, students need to be at the stop for pick up, this allows buses to be consistent so that your family can depend on the daily time the bus will arrive and for the bus to arrive at school on time. *****If running late in the AM's, please do not chase buses or have students running behind buses to catch the bus, instead please meet the bus at the next street, at another student stop for safety purposes.***

****If your student is K-5th grade a parent/sitter/guardian/older sibling/etc. must be at the bus stop to ensure someone is home daily.*** We do not accept home security systems, camera's, Ring etc., as a sitter for your student(s) safety. Students in 4th & 5th may be able to alter this requirement, please contact school and/or transportation to see if possible (this is handled on an individual basis & visibility of bus stop). *Note: Sitter's must be on your IC account if outside of your home address and must be 6th grade & above, therefore your 5th grade student cannot be considered a sitter for any younger sibling for PM drop off, please plan accordingly.*

*If running late in PM's please call school or transportation to let us know before the bus is scheduled to stop. We do have a policy regarding no one home/or continuously late when a student arrives, if this happens a total of three times, the student could lose bus transportation (these are handled on an individual case by case). Students will be returned to school if no one is at the bus stop.

*All students are asked to remain seated & follow the bus drivers directives while riding the bus, safety first! *Bus rules are consistently posted on all buses.* Note: In the state of Indiana, riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, please insist your student(s) adhere to the bus rules set forth.

*All SCP, SCE, and SCMS students will have assigned seats. Assigned seating placement is to the discretion of the bus driver. In addition, not required, most drivers will also assign seat SCHS for consistency of the entire bus, unless discipline concerns arise to make it mandatory for the bus. *If your student is having concerns with their seat buddy please call to see what we can do.*

* Eating & Drinking: Water is allowed while riding, long as only used for drinking, we ask students not to drink anything else due to spills etc. No eating on the school buses, this is for choking and allergy purposes.

*Please keep in mind- bus drivers are not allowed to answer their cell phone or text while driving, if you need to reach a driver during route times, please call transportation if necessary at 812-248-7111 or send an email to kkahafer@scsc.school.

*Our big buses do not have air conditioning- therefore, dress student(s) accordingly. Most bus routes are between 35-50 minutes long morning and afternoon, first three weeks of school could be longer but once routes are established this would be the time frame for the students to ride. We cannot predict traffic or construction and that could delay us, your patience is appreciated.

****Out of district families:*** *Please note when you requested the transfer to SCSC it states on the transfer form the following statement- Transportation of a transfer student is the parent's responsibility. SCSC will only provide transportation to ODT students if the home address is within the ODT Board approved routes. Please adhere to this statement. We do not transport out of district students to in district addresses i.e. grandparent/in district sitter/etc. We simply cannot accommodate that need based on bus crowding concerns, therefore please plan accordingly. If your address does fall into the ODT approved routes-these stops are group stops and this is us providing transportation to and from your home address, not to any other address.*

PLEASE REMEMBER EVERY WEDNESDAY IS PLC WEDNESDAY AND THE STUDENTS WILL ARRIVE HOME 15 MINUTES EARLY, PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.