

## 2023-2024 Student Transportation Services

The safety of all students riding the bus to and from school is a responsibility we all share. It takes all of us working together to ensure safety: students, parents, bus drivers and school officials. The District has established the student conduct expectations listed below to ensure all of our students are transported in the safest environment possible. Students who fail to observe these expectations will be subject to disciplinary action. Their failure to do so may affect the safety of others. Failure to follow bus expectations and regulations may result in suspension of bus riding privileges as well as school consequences depending on the seriousness of the violation.

If you should have any issues or concerns and need to talk with your child's driver, it is best to call the Transportation Office at (816) 986-4BUS (4287) to schedule a time. If you need to approach the bus, please do not step into the bus. Signal to the driver you would like to talk and proceed to the driver's side window. For the safety of all bus riders, our drivers are instructed to close the entrance door when approached and direct you to their side window. Keep in mind the bus has other stops and a schedule to keep meaning the driver has limited time at individual stops. Under Missouri Law unauthorized entrance on a school bus is trespassing. For the safety of the students we transport, the Lee's Summit School District supports this law and has posted warnings on all buses.

### Safe riding expectations and tips for a safe school bus ride.

In accordance with Board policy JG-R1 any offense committed by a student on transportation provided by or through the district shall be disciplined in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school. In addition, transportation privileges may be suspended or revoked.

1. Follow the bus driver's directions.
2. Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before and stay at bus stop at least 5 minutes after your stop time.
3. Line up in a single line at the side of the road.
4. Sit on your assigned seat, not on knees or backpack.
5. Speak quietly to each other.
6. Keep hands, feet and other items to yourself on the bus.
7. No food/drinks/gum/candy on the bus.
8. Be aware of the danger zone outside the bus.
9. The safest stop is the stop with an adult present.
10. Students must sit in their assigned seat the entire bus ride.
11. Students are expected to help keep the bus clean and not purposely or carelessly destroy transportation equipment.
12. Damage resulting from misbehavior shall be paid for by the student/parent. Suspension from the bus will occur and continue until all damage is paid for.
13. Students will show consideration for other students and the bus driver by being courteous and well mannered.
14. No profanity or other abusive language.

Any action that would create an environment contrary to the District's, Schools and Transportation Department's missions will not be acceptable. If the action creates an environment in which learning, safety and caring for others are not the primary focus, disciplinary action will result, including possible loss of bus service. Students are expected to follow safe riding expectations listed above.

### Mobile Electronic Devices

At the discretion of the school bus driver and building principal electronic devices (including but not limited to, chromebooks and cell phones) are permitted to be used on the school bus. If permitted, the user must follow the expectations outlined in Board Policy and School Handbook.

- Must be in a backpack or other holder while boarding and departing the bus, so hands are free to use handrails.
- Sound must be muted or the user must use headphones, ear buds or something similar.
- No material in violation of District policy and procedures.
- Do not share content with other students outside the seat compartment they are in.

- Must not create a distraction for the driver.
- No video or camera use.

For more information on student transportation and safety tips please visit the Lee's Summit School District Transportation Website at: <http://www.lsr7.org/schools/bus-transportation/>