

Coventry Public Schools Transportation Guidelines and Expectations

While waiting for the bus:

- *Be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time. Be prepared to wait up to 10 minutes after the scheduled time.
- *Please wait outside, a safe distance off the road.
- *Please wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching it.
- *Watch for the driver's signal before crossing the street, even if the stop sign and lights have been activated.
- *Please be aware that the length of student bus rides is determined by both the distance from school and the number of stops made. Be mindful that efficient and timely loading of your child reduces the overall time of the route.

While on the bus:

- *Find a seat and remain seated until the bus has arrived at its destination.
- *If assigned a seat, remain in that seat for the duration of the trip.
- *Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- *Engage in appropriate conversation avoiding loud or distracting behavior.
- *Be respectful to the driver and listen to their instructions.



When leaving the bus:

- *Parents (grade K-5 students) arrive 10 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time and stay 10 minutes after before calling.
- *For grades K-5: parents, guardians, or caregivers must be visible at the bus stop to receive students. If permission is granted for 3-5 students to leave the bus without a parent or guardian present, an updated student release form must be submitted to your child's school each year via the PowerSchool parent portal. Also, be sure changes to bus stops due to daycare arrangements or split homes are made prior to the start of the school year.
- *Please make sure schools receive a signed note should your child be going to another student's home after school.
- *Students should wait until the bus is completely stopped before standing to leave. Exit the bus in a safe and orderly fashion.
- *If crossing the road, make sure to look both ways first, and cross when it is safe.

Schedules, times, and requests:

- *Students will receive their bus schedules at least a week prior to the start of the school year.
- *All efforts will be made to plan bus routes to have an average ride time of 60 minutes or less.

If there are any bussing questions or concerns, please contact District Transportation Liaison Christian Marcinczyk at cmarcinczyk@coventryct.org or 860-603-3407.

This information is available on the district's website Transportation page:
<https://www.coventrypublicschools.org/district/transportation>