

## Transportation Highlights

- The cost of operating the transportation system is shared by the State of Missouri and Park Hill School District.
- Specialized transportation services may be available to students who are eligible per their Individualized Education Program (IEP) team's recommendation.
- All buses receive scheduled maintenance inspection and service. All buses have passed the annual Missouri State Highway Patrol Safety Inspection.
- Parents may request that the school district review hazardous conditions for a particular bus route or stop.
- An Alternate Route Application must be completed if students are to be picked up or returned to an address other than their home stop. The application can be found on the School Bus Information page at: <https://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/families/school-bus-information>
- A video monitoring system has been installed in every school bus as an added tool for the driver and district to improve the safety of children while riding the bus. This is a visual tool to be used in conjunction with ongoing student, school, and driver training emphasizing **safe, acceptable** behavior on a school bus.
- All drivers must be a minimum of 21 years of age, must have a class B commercial driver's license, a Missouri School Bus endorsement, an annual physical examination, a mandatory drug test, and an annual background check.
- All drivers receive a minimum of 40 hours of training prior to transporting students.

## Transportation Eligibility

Park Hill School District will provide transportation services to students who live beyond a specified distance from their school:

- Elementary School Students – 0.5 miles from school
- Middle School Students – 1.0 mile from school
- High School Students – 1.0 mile from school



This publication is a handy summary of regulations relating to school bus transportation services provided by the Board of Education for the Park Hill School District. Whether you are a student, parent, or an interested patron, you should find the answers to most of your questions in this brochure. If you should have more specific questions, please contact:

### Transportation Contractor

First Student - 816-359-4560 ext. 1

### District Transportation Coordinator

816-359-5535

### General questions:

20275.CustomerCare@firstgroup.com

### Routing questions/concerns:

20275.BusRequest@firstgroup.com



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# Safely Transporting Our Future

# Park Hill School District

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## Principles Governing District Transportation Routing

- Bus routes are organized so that no student shall be required to ride a bus longer than 45 minutes to or from school except in extreme circumstances. Students that live the farthest from school will have longer rides.
- Bus routes and schedules may change according to load counts, shifts in local housing patterns, availability of buses, changes in school attendance zones, and inclement weather.
- Buses will not leave the main traveled roadway and drive into dead-end streets or cul-de-sacs to pick up elementary students who live 1/2 mile or less and secondary students who live less than one mile from the roadway unless hazardous walking conditions have been determined by the school district.
- Bus stops shall be established based upon a centralized bus stop. State Law requires 300' of visibility from each direction on the roadway.
- Bus stops shall be established no less than 500' apart.
- Roads other than county, state, or city identified are not acceptable for bus routing.
- Roads must be regularly maintained by a responsible agent and be sufficiently wide to permit a bus to pass or safely meet another vehicle.
- Brush must be cut along roadways by responsible agencies or patrons so that branches or limbs do not break lights or windows or damage the exterior of the bus.

## School Bus Rules

For the safety of all students, the following rules have been established by the Park Hill School District Board of Education:

1. Follow the driver's directions.
2. Sit forward facing in your seat with feet out of the aisle.
3. Keep hands, feet, and belongings to yourself and inside the bus at all times.
4. All items carried onto the bus must be held or secured in the student's lap.
5. Oversized objects, glass containers, animals, use of tobacco and vapor products, food, candy, gum or drink are prohibited.
6. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes prior to pick-up time. Buses will not wait for late riders.
7. Students who cross the road at a bus stop must wait for the driver's hand signal and must always cross in front of the bus. Always make sure the driver is looking at you and signals before you cross.

## Transportation Regulations

- The district will provide transportation for students to and from home, except in emergency situations.
- No student may get on or leave the bus at any place along the route other than at their assigned bus stop.
- The safety of all riding the bus is dependent on the driver's ability to attend to driving. Unauthorized behavior draws the driver's attention from the important task of attending to the safe transportation of students. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the rules for proper conduct. Parents and guardians are encouraged to review the list with their student(s) to ensure appropriate behavior.

## Additional Information

- We require a parent or parent designee to be at the bus stop to receive students in preschool, kindergarten and/or certain Special Services programs.
- Students, parents/guardians, bus drivers, and school officials work together to provide for the safe transportation of students. The school buses, and all other forms of transportation provided by the district or provided incidental to a school activity, are considered school property. Students are subject to district authority and discipline while entering, departing, and riding district transportation. The bus driver is responsible for students and has a delegated responsibility for maintaining discipline on the bus.
- Students who have disciplinary problems on the bus will be referred to the school principal or designee for counseling and corrective action. The total number of bus discipline referrals accumulated by a student during the current school year will be considered. Consequences for each offense will typically be assigned in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school (determined by site, scope, and sequence). A student's third bus conduct may result in suspension from the bus for five days, and a student's fourth bus conduct may result in suspension from the bus for the remainder of the school year. School administration retains the discretion to impose a permanent or temporary suspension from the bus at any point, including for a first or second offense, depending on the circumstances. Parents will be notified of disciplinary problems and may become responsible for the transportation of children who lose their bus privileges.