

# **Florence County School District 2 Transportation School Bus Guidelines**

Listed below are important State guidelines regarding Bus Transportation in FCSD2:

- Students may ride only the bus to which they are regularly assigned. They may not ride any other for any other reason unless a signed parent note is approved by a school administrator and cleared by the Transportation Office.
- There will be no pick up or drop off provided to any business address with the exception of approved day care locations.
- If a child is a 4K, 5K, or 1st grade student, a parent/guardian must be present at the bus stop before a driver will allow a student of these grade levels to get off the bus. Should a parent or guardian want their 4K, 5K, or 1st grade student to get off the bus with an older sibling, a written request must be sent to the school's administrator for approval. The administrator must approve the request and give the signed approval to the bus driver.
- State law prohibits anyone other than students, school officials, or law enforcement officers to board school buses.
- Students must be at the bus stop at the designated time and be ready to board the bus. Buses will not wait for late students.
- Students may not bring animals, food, drinks, large items, firearms, knives, explosives, or other dangerous weapons or materials on the bus.
- It is declared to be the policy of the State of South Carolina not to assume the responsibility of transporting any students living within one and one-half miles of the school they attend, such distance to be determined by the most direct route over publicly maintained roads or streets.
- Buses will be routed in the most direct way over publicly maintained highways and streets to provide service within one-half mile of each child in grades PK-12 who qualifies for transportation.
- School bus stops on each route shall not be closer than two-tenths of a mile apart at safe points.
- Students are subject to being videoed while riding a bus in FCSD2.
- Any Individual who vandalizes or abuses a school bus in any manner will be responsible for paying for the damages to FCSD2.

If you need assistance with transportation in FCSD2, please contact the Director of Transportation at (843) 601-4805.