

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS/ TIPS-PLEASE READ AND REVIEW WITH STUDENTS

1. State law states parents or guardians are responsible for the safety, conduct, and the timely arrival of their children to, from, and at the designated school bus stop before morning pick up and after the students are dropped off in the afternoon.
 2. State law states bus stops will not be less than .2/mile apart (about 350 yards). Children will need to meet the bus stop near them if they do not live at least .2/mile from the previous bus stop. **Exceptions: Students with disabilities and periods of inclement weather. Parents apply to the school district for extenuating circumstances.**
3. Students may be required to walk up to .3/mile to get to their school bus route. **Exceptions: Students with disabilities. Parents apply to the school district for other extenuating circumstances.**
4. A student could be assigned a specific seat on a bus to control behavior on the bus.
5. Students are not allowed to carry items on a bus that would not fit in their laps. Items cannot extend beyond the student's seating space or protrude into the bus aisle. The student is not allowed to sit on book bags or other items or store items on the floor of the bus (ex. Music instruments). These are national safety guidelines.
6. Students should be at the school bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. It is the district's responsibility to have the bus arrive within 5 minutes before or after the scheduled time.
7. "Be at the bus stop" means the student should be standing on the side of the road nearest to the student's home at the location the bus is designated to stop.
8. School bus regulations apply to all students, regardless of age.
9. **Parents/guardians of kindergarten children must be sure a responsible, known adult meets the child at the bus stop in the afternoons. If this will not occur. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to notify the school. The child will be kept at school to be picked up by the parent/guardian.**
10. Cell phones and iPod are not allowed to be used on school buses.
11. Please tell children:
 - Never cross the street close to the front of the bus- make sure the driver can see you.
 - Never pick up anything you drop close to or under the bus- ask the driver what to do.
 - Never run after a bus or bang on its side.
 - Follow driver instructions if you must cross the street- stop and look before crossing.
 - Never run across a street- it's better to miss the bus than be hit by a car.
 - Stay away from the rear and sides of buses- be in a safe place where the driver can see you.
12. If a student needs to get on/get off the school bus at a bus stop different from their normal bus stop the parent/guardian must give a note to the student with the bus stop address they are to get on/off at. The parent/guardian's name and phone number must be on the note. The student is to have a school administrator approve this by noon for the afternoon bus stop. The student will then give the note to the bus driver.

PLEASE BE REMINDED BUS STOPS/ROUTES MAY CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR. THIS COULD BE CAUSED BY NEW RIDERS RIDING THE BUS, PREVIOUS RIDERS NOT RIDING THE BUS AND ENSURING SAFETY OF CHILDREN. AGE OF CHILDREN AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT A BUS STOP ARE ALSO FACTORS TO CONSIDER. BUS STOPS/ROUTES MAY BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR AFTER REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR OR THE COUNTY BUS SUPERVISOR. ALL BUS STOPS AND ROUTES HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BUS SUPERVISOR.

Please call Cynthia White, District Transportation Director, at (843) 493 - 9228 if you have questions.