

## Winter Weather Delays/Alternate Routes

For Delays, Closures or Alternate stops, please call the Inclement Weather Hotline @ 509-698-8080 or visit our web page: [www.selahschools.org](http://www.selahschools.org)



All routes requiring alternate stops will be posted on the web page and a letter will be sent home just before winter begins.

When alternate stops are announced, both morning and afternoon routes will be made at the alternate stop.

### \*Important Loading/Unloading Safety Tips:

- Be at bus stop 5 minutes prior to assigned bus stop time.
- When crossing the roadway, wait for your bus driver to signal, letting you know it is safe to do so.
- Stand 10 feet back from the road until your bus driver opens the loading door.
- If you miss the bus, please don't chase the bus. This can be very dangerous as the bus driver may not see you.
- Never play around at the bus stop while you are waiting for the bus to arrive.
- Students are not to wear headphones/earbuds at ANYTIME in the loading and unloading zones so that they are able to hear any approaching traffic and their bus driver.

## Kindergarten and Preschool Students

- All PK/Kindergarten students must be met by adult at the door of the bus until September 30th.
- On/after October 1st, kindergarten students may be met by a designated adult or older (grades 3-12) sibling. Parents must make arrangements with their bus driver or SSD Transportation by phone or email.
- Parents must register kindergarten and preschool students to ride the bus by filling out the SSD online School Registration forms.

### DOOR TO DOOR BUSES

Student's on door to door buses are required to have someone meet them at the bus unless you fill out a release form. This form must be filled out annually and may be obtained by calling/emailing the SSD Transportation Department.

### BUS PASSES

Any student requesting to ride a bus other than their scheduled route must take a note into the office to be validated or a verified parent call. The office will issue a school bus pass that will be given to the bus driver upon boarding the bus. **Bus passes will not be issued within the last two hours of school (make requests at least the day before or by 12-**



## Selah School District Transportation



### Ride with Viking Pride!

\*Be Kind\*

\*Be Safe\*

\*Work Hard\*

### **Contacts:**

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#### Transportation Director:

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# BUS RULES

## Authority

The driver is in charge of the bus. Students must listen and obey the bus driver at all times.

The driver has the authority to assign seats for any reason.

Students will follow emergency exit drill procedures as directed. Students shall not tamper with emergency doors/equipment.

## Passenger Safety

No bullying of any kind.

Students must stay seated quietly in their seats, face forward and keep the aisles and emergency exits clear at all times.

Students must remain seated until bus comes to a complete stop with brake applied and door open.

Students must be courteous. No profane language or obscene gestures will be tolerated. Profanity directed at the driver may result in a bus suspension.

Windows may be opened with the driver's permission. Windows will only be opened to the red line or first notch.

Students must keep all body parts inside the bus.

Students must refrain from talking or making distracting sounds while bus is at a designated railroad crossing.

Students will not throw anything on the school bus.

Students will not litter on the school bus or at the bus stop.

Students shall observe classroom conduct on the bus. Noise shall be kept to a minimum.

Students must provide their proper name when asked.  
*\*Refusal of student to provide their proper name /ID to a driver will result in a bus suspension.*

## Stop Assignments

Students are not allowed to depart the bus at any stop other than the assigned stop without prior permission.

Students must have a bus pass when going to an unassigned bus stop.

Parent must come directly to the bus to retrieve student in order for the student to get off of the bus at any school other than their designated school.

# BUS RULES CONTINUED

## Prohibited Items on School Buses

Eating or drinking on the bus is prohibited.

No breakable, sharp or bulky items.

No large items that cannot fit on the floor between your legs.

No weapons, firearms, flammables, skateboards, rollerblades, balloons, body sprays or lotions.

No tobacco, drugs or alcohol products, or ignition source of any kind. No laser pointers.

No animals of any kind (except service animals).

Parents/guardians will be required to pay for any damages for which their student is responsible for.

## Loading/Unloading

Student will load and unload in an orderly manner. No pushing or shoving.

Student will arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to bus arrival time. Parents meeting the bus (PK/K) will arrive 5 minutes prior to the bus arrival time.

Students will cross only in front of the bus. Students must watch for driver's signal before crossing.

Students must never cross behind the bus.

Students shall stand away from roadway or curb when any bus is approaching or departing a bus stop or school.

Students shall not be on their phones or opening mailboxes while the bus is at their stop.

Once the bus doors are closed and the bus is leaving school, the bus cannot not re-open the door for late students.

Students shall never chase a departing bus.

## Seat Belts on School Buses

If a bus is equipped with seatbelts, students must wear them properly at all times.

## Cameras on School Buses

Most buses are equipped with cameras. Whether or not the public can view a video is at the discretion of the Transportation Director or Student Management Liaison based on each situation and your intent. Call or email to make an appointment to request a viewing of a recording from one of our buses.

# DISCIPLINE/PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) POLICY

If observed/identified unwanted behavior allows for the driver to keep driving and manage (minor issues), the driver will use positive praise for those students who are demonstrating expected behaviors and/or hand out Viking Victories/Viking PRIDE passes. If unwanted behavior cannot be ignored, redirection and/or a "Knock It Off" slip will be given for the student to return signed by a parent and the student at the start of the ride for the next school day.

If the unwanted behavior requires the driver to pull over the bus and there is an imminent threat to safety, the driver will radio into the Transportation Office for immediate Administrative and/or law enforcement support.

If the unwanted behavior requires the driver to pull over the bus but they can de-escalate the student(s), they will radio the building to initiate a Viking "Pride" Check/"Make it Right". The student will then be given a Knock it Off slip and the school's behavior support personnel will work with Transportation Team to receive details and begin the restorative process at school: a) reflection; b) plan to "Make It Right"; c) work completed; d) other plans/behavior agreements. The student will receive a re-entry ticket to be given to the bus driver at their next ride.

Parents will receive a call from the driver and/or Transportation Behavioral Intervention Support staff and/or the school regarding the incident and the steps taken and expectations for future riding.

Incidents that warrant bus or school suspension will include a communication from the Transportation Director and/or your child's building Principal or assistant Principal.

