



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Ohio Department of Education suggests you walk your kindergarten student to and from the bus stop. We are required by the Ohio Revised Code to transport the students to and from school from a designated location. Traveling to and from the stop to home is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Ohio Law does not regulate the age at which a child can safely walk unattended to and from the bus stop locations but we agree with ODE and feel that kindergarten students are not yet mature and experienced enough to do this on their own.

If you have communicated to your kindergartener that you will be at the bus stop for him/her and you are not able to be there, or make arrangements with someone to collect your child, you'll need to call the transportation office at 740-687-7366 and we will keep your kindergarten student on the route until the bus returns to the transportation facility. You will need to pick up your student at the time the bus arrives. This is for emergencies only and cannot become standard procedure.

If for some reason you are not at the bus stop and have not contacted transportation for alternate plans but your child makes the driver aware of your absence, we will keep the student and call to make alternative arrangements. Again this is for emergency situations only.

If we are not made aware of your absence by you or your child we will not be aware of any change, which could result in your child walking home unassisted. Please make us aware if you have the option of making arrangements for your child to walk with an older sibling; however, we feel that nothing is better than the parent or designated adult walking with a kindergartener to and from the bus stop.

Call 740-687-7366 if you have any questions or new contact information.

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