



PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. **You must apply for consideration of transportation services via the RFT process.** Akron Public Schools does not/will not assume that transportation services are needed.
2. You must apply every school year and anytime that you move, change schools, and/or have a change in guardianship.
3. Only legal parent/s or guardian/s may apply for transportation services for a student. Proof of custody may be required.
4. **Ensure your child arrives at the correct bus stop 10 minutes before bus time.**
5. **Legal Adult and/or Parents of students K-1st, are required to be at the bus stop in the am and pm.**
6. Parents are required to provide necessary protection for your child when going to and from the bus stop.
7. Parents must supervise students at their bus stops.
8. To accept joint responsibility with the school for proper conduct of your child while riding the bus and at the bus stop.
9. **To be sure that your child is safely and properly dressed for the weather.**
10. To make a reasonable effort to understand and cooperate with those responsible for pupil transportation.
11. To explain to your child that on occasion, a bus may take a different route than what they are used to and not to be upset; they will arrive at their school, bus stop and/or home.
12. Parent/s and/or Guardians are not allowed upon the bus for safety reasons.

SAFETY

- ≈ Your child's safety is the first concern of the driver and the Transportation staff.
- ≈ At the beginning of the school year, young students should wear name tags pinned to their clothing, with their name, address, phone number, and school to ensure they arrive at the correct location.
- ≈ Pupil behavior that distracts the driver, including, but not limited to yelling, throwing of objects, fighting, etc. are hazards that jeopardize the safety and welfare of all the passengers, driver, and the community. **Such actions may result in removal from the bus/future transportation services.**
- ≈ An adult/guardian is required to be at the bus stop for students in KG & 1st. If the parent is not there when the bus arrives, the student will be returned to the school where the parent can pick them up.
- ≈ Bus stops are established according to state laws and regulations and are approved by the Board of Education. **Stops can be up to 1/2 mile from residence.**
- ≈ **Consequences for violation of bus rules include:**
 - ◆ Students violating the bus rules may receive a bus incident report written by the driver and given to the school principal that may result in discipline measures being given.
 - ◆ Students that continue to violate the bus rules may have their transportation service revoked by agreement between the school principal and the APS Transportation Department. Students are still required by state law to report to school even if bus service has been revoked.

AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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330-761-1390 x 6

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STUDENT & PARENT REQUIRED BUS PASSENGER SAFETY HANDOUT

For all types of yellow bus service whether with an Akron Public School's Bus or Contracted Services Provider to provide transportation services.

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BUS STOP RULES:

- » Students need to be at their designated bus stop **ten (10) minutes** before the scheduled pickup time, ready to load, **not** waiting in homes or vehicles when the bus arrives.
- » Akron Public Schools follows State of Ohio requirements when making route locations. Stop locations may be up to a 1/2 mile from residence.
- » Once the bus door is closed and the bus is in motion, the bus will **not** stop for students who are late.
- » Inclement weather, ice, snow and traffic can delay the bus arrival time. Please be prepared.
- » Students are picked up and returned to the **same** bus stop to ensure their safety.
- » Parents are responsible for supervising students at bus stops.
- » **Parents are not permitted to board any school bus.**
- » Students are to respect the surrounding property, such as mailboxes, grass or landscaping at or surrounding the bus stop location while waiting for the bus and to leave the stop location clean of any litter.
- » **There is a zero tolerance policy on bullying both on and off the bus. This includes stop locations.**
- » All students are held to the Akron Public Schools Code of Conduct while at stops, getting on and off the bus, and while on the bus.
- » Parents may download the Stopfinder App created by Transfinder Corporation via Google Playstore. This app will assist them with on-time bus information, delays, route information, or changes that may arise. **A valid mail address is required to use the app.**



Stopfinder
Transfinder Corporation

SPECIAL NOTE:

Students are required to get off/picked up at all assigned stop locations. Stop locations will not be changed without the required documentation.

Should you move, change schools, and/or have a change in guardianship, **you must complete and submit a new RFT to Akron Public Schools Transportation Services** along with all necessary documentation; including but not limited to proof of residency and/or court-stamped proof of custody.

ON THE BUS RULES:

- » **The bus driver is in charge. Students are required to listen to and respect the driver and follow their directives due to safety concerns.**
- » Masks may be required on the bus. Akron Public Schools follows federal mandates and will address mask usage as needed. **Students are required to follow the rules set forth by Akron Public Schools to receive transportation services.**
- » Students will be seated as directed by the driver and may be assigned a seat.
- » Students need to be seated quickly upon entering the bus.
- » Students are expected to sit three (3) in a seat when needed.
- » Students **may not** get out of their seat while the bus is in motion. Seats may only be switched with the permission of the driver.
- » Only bring items aboard the bus that can be held in the student's lap.
- » Items not allowed in school are not allowed on the bus. This includes skateboards, etc.
- » Keep the bus aisles and emergency exits clear at all times.
- » **No foul or inappropriate language is allowed.**
- » **Yelling, loud voices, throwing objects, or horseplay is not permitted on the bus.**
- » **Eating or drinking on the bus is not permitted.**
- » Help keep the bus clean. Put all trash in the trash can. Do not throw masks or trash on the floor.
- » **Students must get on and off the bus only at their designated bus stop.**
- » No spitting, hitting, or having heads, arms, and/or hands hanging out windows or shouting out windows.
- » No animals aboard the bus. No exceptions.
- » Be courteous to all passengers on the bus. If there is an issue with another student, please address it with driver before travel begins.
- » In the event of an accident, students should stay seated until help arrives and/or given directives otherwise from the bus driver and/or other safety personnel. This is for the safety of all members concerned. This also allows for verification of who may be injured and/or missing.

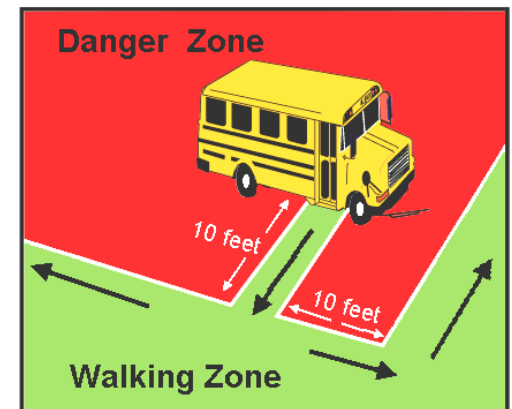
REQUEST FOR SERVICES:

1. A completed RFT (Request For Transportation) form must be submitted with all necessary documentation. The RFT form is available at your school, Akron Public Schools Administration Building, or at www.akronschools.com > Departments > Business Affairs > Transportation > Universal RFT
2. **Submission of an RFT with all necessary documentation DOES NOT GUARANTEE transportation services.** The RFT is for transportation consideration purposes only.
3. Akron Public Schools solely decides if a student is eligible for services along with the type of transportation service to be provided.
4. Transportation Services are considered a courtesy and are not required. **A student may be removed from transportation services for various violations.**

DANGER ZONES

Anywhere around the bus where the driver cannot see you is a **DANGER ZONE!**

Watch for others that are getting on and off the bus, also!



Ride with PRIDE

- P**ay attention to the danger zone
- R**espect each other
- I**nside the bus stay seated at all times
- D**on't run!
- E**xit and move out of the danger zone