

School Bus Information

The Bus Schedule

Morning pick up times will begin at the approximate time stated. We ask that students arrive at their bus stop five minutes prior to pickup time.

Bus arrival times, routing and stops will become finalized several days into the school year. Post cards with initial route/bus information will be sent home the last week of August.

All routes are subject to change during the school year.

Stop and Pick-up Times

Approximate times are given for the bus stop on each run. A time pattern for all stops will be established within a few days. Plan to be ready at the stop five minutes ahead of the estimated time. Exact arrival times are affected by many factors, including weather, traffic, substitute drivers and mechanical problems. These are suggested times for the first week of school and are subject to change. Drivers will notify students of changes.

Bus Safety Guidelines

- Line up single file as soon as you see the school bus approaching. Do not start toward the bus until it has come to a full stop and the driver has opened the door. If you have to cross the street, wait for the bus driver to signal.
- Use the handrail when boarding the bus.
- Be courteous.
- Do not walk behind the bus.

- Bus passes must be obtained from school personnel (available with written permission from parent or guardian) in order to discharge student at another stop other than his/her normal stop.

Items Prohibited on School Buses

For the safety of all riders, students are requested not to carry potentially harmful items on the bus. Nothing should be carried that will interfere with seating, space or safety. The following are examples of items prohibited on the bus:

- Insects or animals of any kind.
- Glass objects and breakable objects.
- Balloons.
- Skate boards.
- Sleds and skis of any kind.
- Any sharp or pointed objects.
- Medicine, medications.
- Projects that don't fit on a student's lap.
- Large, musical instruments.
- Weapons of any kind or any object that could be conceived to be a weapon (toy guns, knives, etc.).
- Matches/lighters.

School Bus Rules of Conduct

- Follow directions of the driver at all times.
- Stay seated in your seat at all times.
- Keep all parts of your body in the bus and to yourself.
- No pushing, shoving or fighting.
- No eating, drinking, smoking or spitting.

- Do not litter, write on or damage the bus in any way.
- Do not use profanity, rude gestures, tease or harass anyone on the bus.

Bus Discipline

Improper behavior may result in the suspension of bus riding privileges. The following procedure is followed when a student's conduct may warrant suspension.

If A Student Chooses to Break a Rule:

- 1st time: Driver verbally warns student and documents on daily log.
- 2nd time: Parents contacted by driver or bus garage personnel, documented on daily log form (probationary period begins).
- 3rd time: Bus Conduct Form Issued, Parents contacted by Building Administrator, three (3) day bus suspension.
- 4th time: Five (5) day bus suspension.
- 5th time: Principal's Hearing (10-30 day bus suspension).
- 6th time: Superintendent's Hearing-possible removal from bus.

Severe Disruption

The following inappropriate behavior will result in suspension of transportation privileges **IMMEDIATELY**:

- Physical harm to student.
- Physical harm or threat of physical harm to driver. (May result in arrest).

It's "Back to School" time. School buses are back on the roads, and students are walking along the side of the road and waiting for buses.

- Please watch carefully for children near school buildings, in areas where school buses are traveling or where there are signs for school zones or bus stops.
- Remember that if you are approaching a school bus from either the front or behind, and it's yellow lights are flashing, the bus is preparing to stop.
- If the bus' red lights are flashing, **YOU MUST STOP. It's the law!**

This **includes** school buses that are: on the opposite sides of divided highways, on multiple lane roadways, in parking lots and on school grounds.

NOTE: The **only** exception to this law is if the bus driver or a police officer signals that you may pass the bus.

\$\$ PENALTIES FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS \$\$			
By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250.00	\$400.00	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600.00	\$750.00	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Conviction (within 3 years)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	Up to 180 days