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Dear Parents:

The Transportation Department of Delaware City Schools welcomes you. We hope that your first experience with school transportation will be a pleasant one for both you and your child. Riding the school bus for the first time can be an exciting experience for a little one. In an effort to make this a positive experience, there are a few details that you should know.

First, please begin talking with your child about riding the school bus. Impress upon them the importance of sitting in their seats and the safety issues involved with riding a school bus. Students must give their attention to the driver and follow instructions when asked to do so. Please familiarize yourself with the transportation sections of the student handbook and review them with your child.

Unlike in your family vehicle, seatbelts, car seats and safety harnesses are not required to be used for preschool students on a school bus. This is due to the special construction of the bus seats, and the size and weight of the vehicle. Seatbelts, car seats, safety harnesses and other specialized equipment is only used when specifically identified in a child's Individualized Educational Program (IEP.)

You should be aware that Delaware City Schools' bus drivers expect a parent or other adult to meet pre-school students at or near the bus stop each day. If the driver observes that students can enter the home, an adult must still be visible to the driver before students may be discharged from the bus. If these conditions are not met, a driver may be directed to return your child to the school. Please make every effort to either be visible to the driver or have alternate arrangements made for your child upon his/her arrival.

Also, please understand that in order to maintain safe and efficient bus routes for all students every day, changing transportation arrangements for your child daily or weekly is discouraged in all but emergency situations. Students should be picked up from the same location every day, and students should be dropped off at the same location every day. However, the pick-up and drop-off locations themselves may differ, based on the half-day nature of the program.

Example: A parent requests different drop-off or pick-up locations based on an alternating work schedule. This request would be denied, because constant, temporary changes to a bus route can adversely affect the schedule for other students and parents on the route. To avoid confusion, consistent locations should be used every day, morning and afternoon.

Finally, please communicate any transportation changes directly to the transportation office by calling 740-833-1650. Office personnel will advise you on any changes and communicate information directly with the drivers involved. Drivers are not authorized to make any changes to their routes without prior approval from a supervisor.

Again, welcome to Delaware City Schools' Transportation Department. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns about your child's transportation.

Sincerely,

Jason Sherman
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