MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Student Drop-off Policy

Marple Newtown Transportation Department's goal is to provide safe and reliable transportation for all students. Student safety is a partnership between the parent/guardian and the Transportation Department. The Transportation Department is responsible for the students' safety while on the bus. Once the bus arrives at the designated location, it is the parent's responsibility to determine if the student needs supervision to get home. The Transportation Department is establishing a policy for student drop-offs at the end of the school day.

All students will be discharged from the bus at their assigned stop regardless of age with the following exceptions:

- 1st graders will not be discharged from the bus unless a parent is present for the first 10 days of school unless the parent/guardian gives permission.
- 1st graders can be discharged if an older sibling is present.
- No student will be discharged, regardless of age, if the driver feels the stop is not safe due to a hazard or other potential threat. The Transportation Department will attempt to call the parent/guardian. The student will remain on the bus and the driver will continue the run until a drop-off location can be determined.
- If a parent is not at the drop-off location and the student is visibly upset, the Transportation Department will attempt to contact the parent/guardian. The student will remain on the bus and the driver will continue the run until a drop-off location can be determined.
- Any student on specialized transportation will not be discharged unless a parent/guardian is present, or the parent/guardian gives the Transportation Department permission in writing. Preferred method is an email to transportation@mnsd.org

Additional information to help manage student discharges.

The drop-off times you received are estimates. There are several factors that affect the drop-off times including congestion at the school, number of students riding on a particular day, traffic, sports at the high school and middle school, weather, student behavior, student illness, and road construction.

The Marple Newtown Transportation Department offers technology in the form of an app called, "Here Comes the Bus", to assist parents/guardians with tracking the bus to determine drop-off times. Instructions for the app can be found at https://www.mnsd.org/departments/transportation.

If there are any questions concerning this policy, please call 610-359-4299.

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