MAMARONECK SCHOOLS



IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Before your child rides the bus, please review the **School Bus Safety Rules** on next page with him/her.

- **Students must arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled AM pick-up time.** Please note that buses are permitted to leave within that 5 minute window.

- Please check the transportation portal frequently during the first few weeks of school since time adjustments may be made to allow for students being added to or removed from your route.

- Students need time to adjust to their bus routine. There could be delays of up to10-30 minutes in bus arrivals during the first weeks of school.

- Afternoon arrival times are approximate and can vary day to day based on school dismissal procedures and/or traffic conditions.

- The District will transport only students assigned to the bus. The District will drop off students only at their designated stops.

- In order to ensure your child's safety, in addition to the training that our bus drivers and monitors receive, we employ surveillance cameras to document and address any unsafe activities on our buses

WHO TO CONTACT:

For **lost belongings or questions related to a specific bus that may be late**, please call the bus company dispatch office:

- Royal Coach: 914- 733-3001 or 914-733-7010 (6:30 AM – 6:00 PM)

For **routing questions**, please contact:

- Liju Thomas, Supervisor of Transportation, at Lthomas@mamkschools.org
  Routing changes will not be considered prior to October 1st

For **general transportation questions or assistance**, please contact the transportation department:

- 914-220-3028 or e-mail transportation@mamkschools.org.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please review these rules thoroughly with your child. They are important to the safety and comfort of the students, as well as the bus drivers/monitors and other motorists.
Infractions may result in the loss of bus privileges.

Students should always use extreme caution when getting on or off the bus.
Other motorists may be negligent and not stop, as the law requires, for a school bus that is picking up or discharging students.

- Arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled morning pick-up time.
- Never run to or from the bus.
- Wait at your designated stop in a safe place, back from the side of the road.
- Remember never to stand in the danger zone that surrounds the bus. The danger zone is anywhere close enough for you to touch the bus or where you cannot see the driver.
- If you need to cross the street to get on the bus, always wait until the bus has come to a complete stop. Look for the stop arm to come out and for the flashing red lights. Watch the driver. When the driver is assured that all traffic has stopped he/she will signal for you to cross the street – but continue to watch for traffic yourself. Always walk, don't run.
- Hold the handrail as you get on the bus. Check clothing/backpacks to avoid long or dangling drawstrings, straps, scarves, etc. These could get caught on the bus handrail or door and create a hazard.
- Students board the bus in single file, go immediately to a seat, and may put on a seat belt. FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELT CAN RESULT IN INJURY.
- Parents do not board the bus with your child/children.
- Remain seated facing forward at all times when the bus is in motion, and only leave your seat after the bus is stopped at the school or bus stop.
- Place bags and parcels under your seat or on your lap and keep bus aisle clear at all times
- Do not reserve seats, stand on seats or sit on top of the back of the seat.
- Do not push, shove, or fight on the bus or at the bus stop.
- Do not take things belonging to others.
- Do not vandalize the school bus or damage property at school bus stops
- Always keep your head, hands and arms inside the bus.
- Throwing objects inside or outside of the bus is not permitted.
- Talk quietly; the driver needs to concentrate to safely drive the bus. Fighting, shouting, or use of obscene language is not permitted.
- Dangerous, disturbing, or annoying objects are not permitted on the bus.
- Eating and drinking (this includes chewing gum) is not allowed on school buses at any time. This rule protects students or drivers that have food allergies and anaphylaxis, prevents choking, and maintains bus cleanliness.
- At a designated stop, cross the street at least fifteen (15) feet in front of the bus under the direction of the monitor or driver. Never cross behind the bus.
- If everyone is getting off the bus, the people at the front leave first. Do not push.
- If you drop something near the bus, do not pick it up. Tell an adult.
- Obey driver/monitor instructions. In case of emergency, carefully follow all directions given by the driver/ monitor.

Please report any unsafe operation of a school bus to the Mamaroneck Transportation Office