

2025-2026 Silver Creek School Transportation

Bus #: _____ Bus Driver: _____ Ph. #: _____

Some transportation tips for parents/guardians:

All students should be outside standing and ready at their designated bus stops 5 minutes prior to their load time every morning!!! Please remember riding a school bus is a privilege not a right.

An adult or an older sibling must be outside in the PM waiting for K-5th grade students to unload the bus!

NOTE: SCP/SCE students will not be dropped off in the afternoons to go home alone! Visual of sitter is required daily. 5th grade students could have provisions made for PM drop off through SCE, those will be handled on individual basis.

- Please remember SCSC Transportation allows one consistent AM bus stop and one consistent PM bus stop, only changes would be to either a car rider or a permanent change for the remainder of the school year, we do not offer bus passes or to switch between bus routes for the safety and consistency of all bus riders, all changes require a 48 hour notice before taking place, unless changing to car rider. Only exception is full week custodial switches week by week.
- A musical instrument or sport gear that can fit safely on a student's lap is permitted on all school bus. Large objects (larger than students can safely hold in their laps) which interfere with seating and safety of others, will not be permitted on the bus without prior permission from the Transportation Department. Regarding band instruments bigger than lap size- it is best for the student to fill out band instrument request form & have the band teacher sign & send to kkahafer@scsc.school before the instrument is transported via the bus.
If approved the student with the large instrument will have to sit in first three rows and instrument stays by the window, failure to follow the rules will result in loss of privilege of bringing the instrument on the school bus.
- Please note: Although some parents would like their children to be seated next to each other during the bus rides to and from school- the bus drivers have buses set up by grade level. This concept would mean K sits towards the front, 12th grade towards the back. Although, the driver has ultimate decision on where students sit, and some arrangements are based on discipline purposes. Assigned seating is implemented for all students 8th grade or below. This is done for the safety of your student(s).

*The following rules are expected to be followed on the bus at all times & will be addressed if your student does not adhere to the rules below-please keep in mind the rules have been set in place for the safety of all riders. Remember, riding a school bus to and from school is privilege not a right. Please go over with your student(s) to ensure they understand the rules.

BUS RULES

- Follow the bus driver's directives at all times!! Be respectful talking with the driver and/or aide.
- If driver assigns a seat you must sit in assigned seat. Driver's will assign seats based on what they believe will allow your student to have a positive bus ride to and from school daily.
- NEVER run towards a bus that is either moving or not moving, always WALK towards a non-moving bus.
- Always **cross in front of the bus**, make sure when crossing --the bus driver can see you and you can see the bus driver!!!
- When loading the bus --stay in either driveway or yard NOT the street-- When departing a bus --go directly towards the yard or a driveway to your home/sitter--DO NOT stay in street!
- NO pushing or shoving to load or unload bus. Stay behind white line until bus comes to a complete stop.
- Stay seated, faced forward, and no seat hopping- You must remain in your seat the duration of the ride, do not get up early for departure until bus is safely stopped and door is open.
- The aisle way must stay cleared at all times (Indiana State Law)
- If you drop anything, NEVER reach under the bus to pick up it up, get your adult to help you after the bus has left the area.
- At all Railroad Tracks- all students must **remain quiet while approaching & crossing the tracks** until driver states it is safe to resume talking again, this is so the driver can hear approaching trains- it is very important. (Indiana State Law)
- Keep all hands/feet/body parts to oneself and inside bus at all times. NO public display of affection! NO TOUCHING!!
- NO vaping/smoking/foul or obscene language will be tolerated.
- VERY IMPORTANT - NO FIGHTING ****NO bullying any student on the bus, this will NOT be tolerated****
- No spraying of fragrances/perfumes/hairspray etc. on bus at anytime because of allergies & respiratory problems.
- No EATING/DRINKING/CANDY/GUM on bus unless bottled water because of choking purposes & allergies.
- NO destruction of peers property & bus property, no poking holes in seats, no writing on anything inside the bus, no throwing anything outside the bus windows at anytime, no spitting out the windows, no yelling out the windows.
- Cell phone/electronic usage is determined by each individual bus driver, no picture taking while riding the bus.