

# Special Circumstances

If your child will not be riding the bus, please call the bus company or have a student at the previous stop relay the message to the driver.

If a student fails to ride for three (3) consecutive days without proper notification, transportation will be suspended until the parent or guardian contacts the school or bus company.

If you would like your child to be picked up or dropped off at a different location, you must submit a written request to the school office. If your child is riding home with a friend, both children must bring a note confirming that they have permission to travel home together. The school office will issue approved requests, and the student must present the form to the bus driver.

Permanent pick-up or drop-off arrangements must be made through the bus company using a "Request for Transportation" form. These forms are available at the bus company or at the school office. Only one pick-up and one drop-off location will be allowed. Any changes to the regular daily pick-up or drop-off must be authorized by the school office, and a proper bus pass must be issued.

## At all Times

- School rules and the above regulations apply to all trips under school sponsorship.
- Students must obey the chaperones appointed by the school.
- Older students are expected to help ensure the safety and comfort of younger children.
- Any action that endangers the safety or welfare of any person is strictly prohibited.
- Bus routes are determined by the bus company and approved by the school district.

## Medical Concerns

Parents should inform the bus company of any serious medical conditions of which the driver may need to be aware.

## Johnson Bus Company

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262-626-4414

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## Kewaskum School District

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1415 BILGO LANE, PO BOX 127  
KEWASKUM  
262-626-3101

FARMINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
8736 BOLTONVILLE ROAD  
KEWASKUM  
262-626-3102

KEWASKUM MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1676 REIGLE DRIVE, PO BOX 432  
KEWASKUM  
262-626-3104

KEWASKUM HIGH SCHOOL  
1510 BILGO LANE, PO BOX 426  
KEWASKUM  
262-626-3105

DISTRICT OFFICE  
1455 SCHOOL STREET, PO BOX 37  
KEWASKUM  
262-626-8427

## Eligibility for School Bus Transportation

- Grades 4K - 5: 1 mile from school
- Grades 6 - 12: 2 miles from school

Students may be expected to walk up to ½ mile to a bus stop.



## Kewaskum School District

## School Bus Rules to Ride

2025-26 School Year

Dear Parents,

Again, we are pleased to provide bus transportation to and from school. These are the rules for students riding the bus that were adopted by the School Board. One element of the Kewaskum School District bus safety program is the important role parents share in reinforcing school bus safety.

Please take the time to review the following safety procedures so everyone has a clear understanding of the conduct expected while traveling to and from school.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mark Bazata  
District Administrator

## Bus Stop Locations

Students should arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled time and be dressed appropriately for the weather. Children should wait in a safe location, well back from the side of the road. If students must cross the road to board the bus, they should wait until the bus has arrived, all traffic has stopped, and the school bus driver has given the signal to cross. Students should board the bus in single file, without pushing or shoving, and be seated immediately. The back seats will remain empty until all other seats have at least two students.

The safety of children traveling to and from bus stops, as well as at the bus stop locations themselves, requires the consistent and cooperative efforts of parents. The Board acknowledges and appreciates the contributions of parents and caregivers who diligently supervise at school bus stops. However, in some instances, children are left unattended. Parents are strongly urged to be present at pick-up and drop-off points each day or to arrange for a responsible adult to be there. There is no substitute for adult supervision.

## Riding the School Bus

The driver is in complete charge of the bus and may assign seats.

1. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion, keeping arms, hands, and heads inside the bus.
2. Windows should be opened no more than three inches or three notches.
3. Eating or drinking is not permitted on the bus during elementary routes.
4. Do not litter on the bus or throw objects from it.
5. Tobacco, lighters, and open flames are prohibited.
6. Be courteous to the bus driver, other riders, and chaperones, and respect the physical condition and property of the bus.
7. Do not tamper with bus equipment or emergency exits.
8. Maintain complete silence at railroad crossings.
9. You may only ride the bus to which you are assigned. Visitors are not allowed on the bus.
10. In case of an emergency, follow the instructions of the bus driver, or, if the driver is unable to give directions, follow those of the police.
11. Keep books, packages, coats, and all other items out of the aisles and the driver's area. If you cannot hold an item on your lap, it is too large to be transported.
12. Animals are not permitted on the bus.
13. Glass containers are not allowed at any time.
14. Students must not stop at the mailbox to retrieve their mail until the bus has left their driveway. This includes mailboxes located on the same side of the road as the student's driveway.

*Failure to abide by these rules could result in a removal from the bus of one or more days.*

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND ELECTRONIC MONITORING Policy 7440.01  
The Board of Education authorizes the use of video surveillance and electronic monitoring equipment at various school sites, which may include either video or audio footage, or both, throughout the District and on school buses.

## Getting off the Bus

Do not get up to leave until the bus has come to a complete stop.

If you need to cross the road after getting off the bus, walk to the end of the crossing gate. Cross only after the driver signals that it is safe to do so.

School personnel are responsible for handling discipline once they have been notified of misconduct in writing by the driver.



## Stopping for a School Bus

By law, traffic in both directions must stop any time a school bus is stopped with its overhead red lights flashing and stop arm extended. The only exception is when the road is divided by a median strip that separates traffic traveling in opposite directions.

This law applies everywhere—regardless of the posted speed limit—including highways, country roads, and city, town, or village streets.

Motorists on any roadway approaching a stopped school bus with its overhead red signal lights flashing must stop at least 20 feet before reaching the bus.

Drivers may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion and the red lights have stopped flashing.