

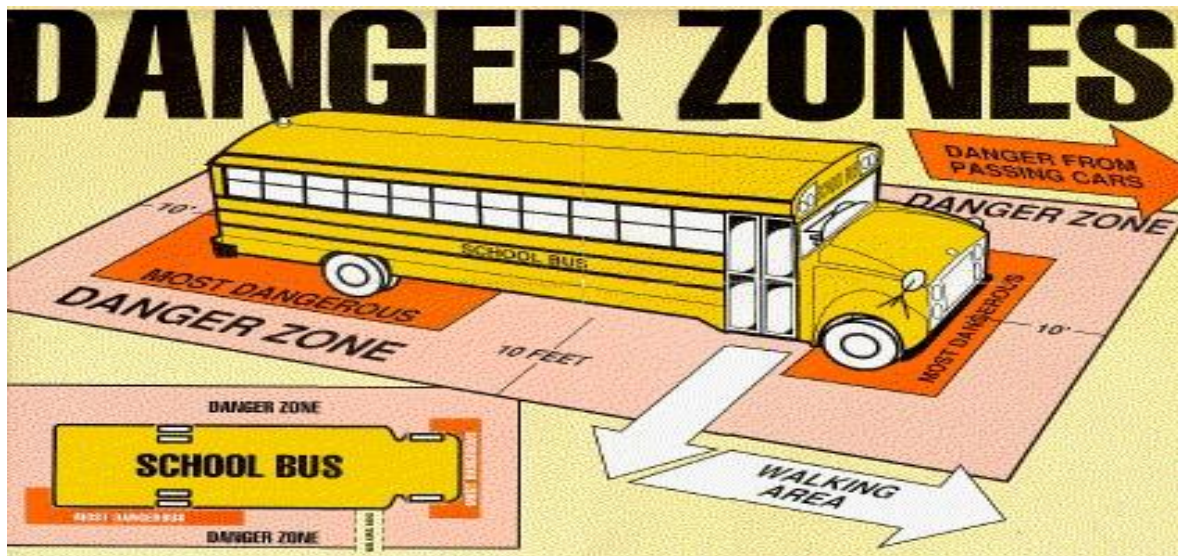
INCOMING KINDERGARTNERS/NEW STUDENT

Your bus driver has been entrusted with the serious responsibility of protecting the safety of your child. The driver cannot control the hazards outside the bus. We ask your cooperation in making sure that the responsible person meets the bus every day to receive your child. This will ensure your child's safety as well as the safety of other children in the area.

Because most student injuries and fatalities occur outside of school buses in New York State, information is attached that describes the area directly around the school bus known as the "Danger Zone." Proper student behavior in and around a school bus should be discussed with your child. If, by some chance, your child misses the bus, please **DO NOT** chase after or follow the bus to another stop. A child approaching a bus from the rear or passenger side, especially if they are not expected to be at a different stop, puts the child in a very dangerous situation.

Please be aware that drawstrings on clothing can become entangled or caught in the bus handrail that can cause children to be dragged by the bus. To ensure safety, we would recommend that you remove drawstrings from clothing whenever possible, or at least cut off drawstring tabs and knots.

Also, please adhere to the district policy by having your child **STANDING** at the bus stop at least ***five (5) minutes before*** their scheduled pick-up/drop-off time. If you have a bus safety concern, call the District Transportation Office at 257-5200.



No child should ever be in the pink danger zone. Children leaving the bus should walk straight ahead, away from the bus, for at least 10 feet before turning in either direction. When it is necessary for children to cross in front of the bus, they should walk ten feet from the bus door, (in the direction of the white arrow) before turning toward the front of the bus.

The front of the bus is the most dangerous area. Within the bright red zone at the front of the bus are a number of "blind spots" in which the driver cannot see a small

child or one who is stooping to pick up a dropped article. The exact position and size of the blind spots depends upon the number of mirrors the bus has, how they are arranged and adjusted, and whether or not they are clean. It is important for young children to understand that all of the red area is dangerous because the driver may not be able to see them. Children must be educated to move forward - away from the front of the bus until they can see the driver's face. If the child can see the driver's face, the driver is able to see the child.

Maintaining that line of vision is the next objective. This can be best accomplished by requiring the children in the high risk category (grades K-3) to wear a backpack or carry a book bag.

If the loose objects these children so often take home are carried in a backpack or a book bag, the chances of dropping them are greatly reduced.

The large red arrow at the top right shows the area of special danger from passing cars and other vehicles. Some children may point out that it is against the law for a car to pass a stopped school bus. That is true. The fact is, however, that an occasional driver violates the law. Since the large bus hides children from the sight of a driver passing from the rear, this situation is particularly dangerous.

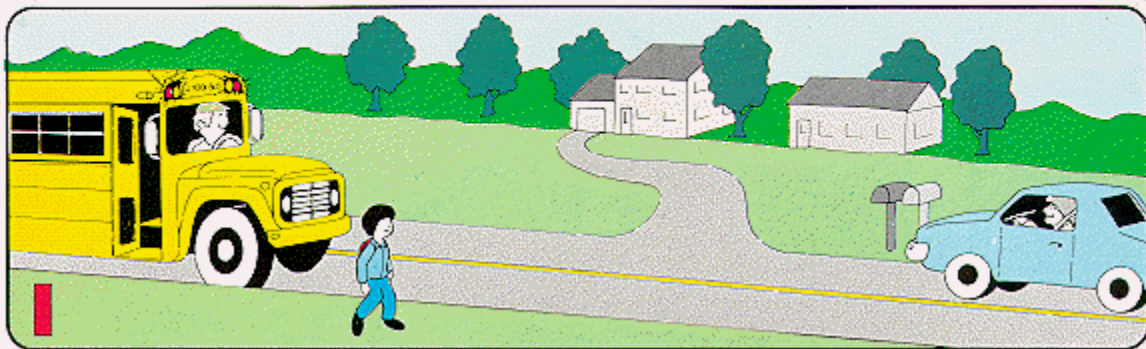
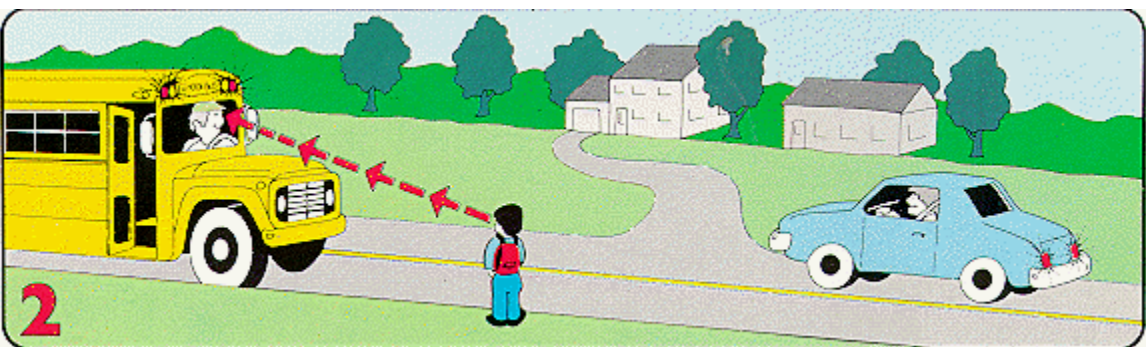
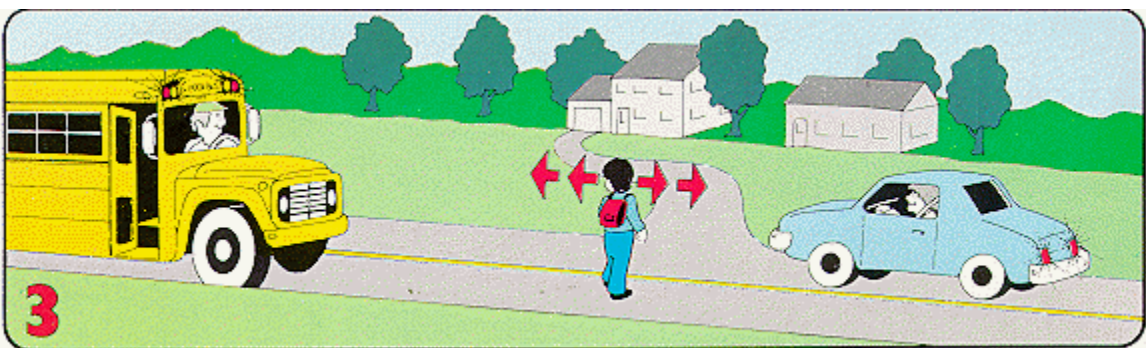
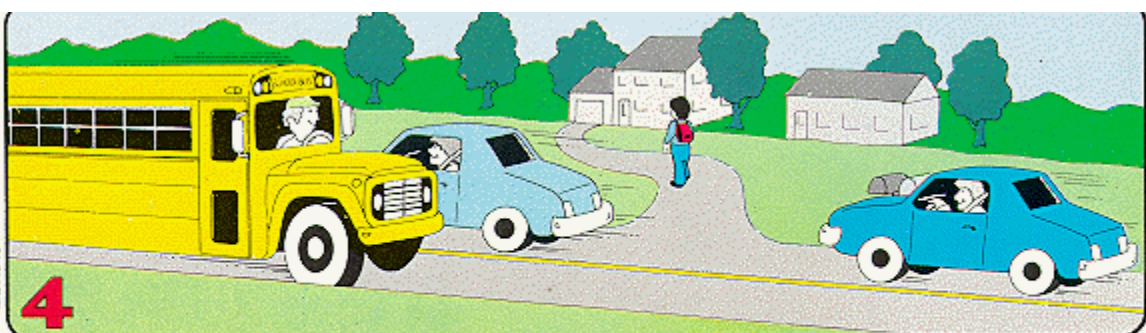
When children must cross in front of the bus, the following safety rules should be observed:

1. Children should cross only after receiving permission from the driver or school bus patrol.
2. Children should cross at least ten feet in front of the bus.
3. Children should establish "eye contact" (that is, look at the bus driver) before starting across. (Picture #2)
4. Children should look both ways and should only enter the part of the roadway marked by the large red arrow after receiving an "**all clear**" sign from the driver or safety patrol. (Picture #3)

A third area of special danger is the bright red area at the right rear of the bus. Small or stooping children in this danger area (from the right rear wheel to the back of the bus) cannot be seen by the driver. The safety rule for this danger zone is very simple: Children should stay out of it at all times.

Bus Safety is a team effort of bus driver, student, the motoring public, and the parents.

HOW TO CROSS SAFELY



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Listed below are important policies and procedures you should be aware of as we start the new school year:

 Your child's transportation information can be found on the Hendrick Hudson website (henhudschoools.org) in the Parent Portal under the Transportation tab. You can email portalsupport@henhudschoools.org for assistance as to how to sign onto the Parent Portal. Once in the portal, you may have to press the "more" icon to see all the tabs. With each new school year, the transportation tab is available at the end of August.

 Please be standing at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the designated time, rain, snow or shine. Students should be standing - ready to board the bus. Students should **NOT** be waiting in a vehicle no matter what the weather is.

 If your child misses the bus because he/she was not at the bus stop on time, you will be responsible for transporting your child. **DO NOT FOLLOW THE BUS AND ATTEMPT TO GET THE BUS TO PULL OVER WHILE IT IS ON ITS ROUTE. THIS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND PUTS THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD AND THE OTHER CHILDREN ON THE BUS IN JEAPORDY.**

 Students in grades K – 3 must have an adult present at the bus stop. Students in grades 4-5 will be dropped without adult present, unless written notification has been submitted to the Transportation Department. If someone other than a parent will be meeting your child to take them off the bus, please send a note to Transportation with their names (up to 2 persons per student) and we will make the driver aware of their names. This is different than the emergency contact you designated in Infinite Campus. See Student Release Form attached to this document.

 Please label all of your child's belongings so if they are left behind on the bus they can be returned promptly. However, the District is not responsible for any lost items (clothes, cell phones, etc.)

 Child care requests are to be submitted in writing by April 1, 2026. Notes to the driver regarding a change in your child's bus stop will not be accepted. Please go to the Transportation website regarding Day Care Application information.

 Changing a bus is for emergencies and special circumstances. If a student needs to take a bus other than their regular one, a note explaining the reason for the change and the requested pick-up and/or drop-off is required. Please send the note to the Main Office in the morning. We will do our best to accommodate these requests; however, the decision will depend on available space on the bus that day.

 If you are driving on school property at arrival/dismissal times, you **MUST** stop for a stopped school bus. It is illegal to pass a school bus with its red lights flashing. Penalties for such could be high monetary fines.

 Please keep your child's bus information handy throughout the school year so when you call the school office or transportation office, you can refer to it.

 If your child is being transported via van and you will not need either AM or PM transportation on a particular day, please call the transportation department to notify us. Before 8:00am, please call the Bus Garage at 257-5206. After 8:00am, please call the office at 257-5200.

 Dismissal Chart:

School	Regular Dismissal Student Release	Regular Bus Departure	Emergency Dismissal Student Release	Emergency Dismissal Bus Departure	Half-Day Dismissal Student Release	Half-Day Bus Departure	Early Dismissal Student Release	Early Dismissal Bus Departure
HHHS	2:07	2:13	9:45	9:55	10:27	10:36	11:50	12:00
BMMS	2:35	2:45	10:20	10:30	11:05	11:15	12:25	12:35
FGL	2:25	2:35	10:15	10:25	10:50	11:00	12:20	12:30
BVS	3:05	3:15	11:15	11:25	11:45	11:55	1:15	1:25
FWS	3:05	3:15	11:15	11:25	11:45	11:55	1:15	1:25

 Closing/Delay Chart for 1, 2, and 3 Hour Delayed Openings:

School	Regular Day Start Time	1-Hour Delay Start Time	2-Hour Delay Start Time	3-Hour Delay Start Time
HHHS	7:25	8:25	9:25	10:25
BMMS	7:50	8:50	9:50	10:50
FGL	8:20	9:20	10:20	11:20
BVS	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00
FWS	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00

The decision to delay or close school is always made with the entire District in mind. The safety of our children is the primary consideration. Please check the Hendrick Hudson School website , www.henhudschoools.org, for notification information.

HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

61 Trolley Road, Montrose, New York 10548

Department of Transportation

Telephone: 914-257-5200 Fax: 914-257-5201

Email: Transportation@henhudschoos.org

(please call us to confirm receipt of form)



Application for Transportation to/from Alternate Address or Day Care Location For Incoming Kindergartners Only

If your child(ren) require bus transportation to/from a babysitter or day care location next school year..... please read on.

Consistent with New York State Education Law 3635-1e, children in grades K-8 may be transported between the school the child legally attends and before and/or after school child care locations under the following conditions:

1. The parent or legal guardian for the child must submit their request for transportation in writing **no later than June 30, 2026**. New residents must apply within 30 days of establishing residency in the Hendrick Hudson School District. Applications received after the **June 30th** deadline may result in delay of placement until October or transportation could be denied.

Day care/babysitter transportation applications must be filed annually by **April 1st** of the preceding school year or transportation may not be available. Transportation applications are not carried over from year-to-year.

2. The child care provider from or to which transportation is requested must be located within the boundaries of the Hendrick Hudson School District. See below.

If the child care provider is NOT a licensed day care provider pursuant to Section 390 of the Social Services Law, transportation to that location is granted based on seat availability.

If you choose an out of district day care provider, they must pick up your child from the school.

3. Requests for transportation must be from a consistent location in the morning and to a consistent location in the afternoon. Transportation to and from different locations, depending on the day of the week, will not be permitted.
4. We do not transport to day care providers outside of the Hendrick Hudson School district boundaries.
5. We do not transport elementary students to after-school activities (such as dance, tae kwon do, etc.) OR any type of religious instruction.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

School Year 2026-2027

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ **Work Telephone Number:** _____

School of Attendance: _____ **Grade:** K

Home Bus & Bus Stop (if known): _____

MORNING PICK-UP LOCATION

Alternate Address/Day Care/Babysitter Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

SCHEDULE: Monday – Friday OR circle the days: M T W TH F

Child care provider must be operational within the Hedrick Hudson School District boundary. A registered child care provider, pursuant to Section 390 of the Social Services Law, must provide the License or Registration Number.

Program Contact Name: _____

License/Registration Number: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Bus Number: _____ Bus Stop: _____

AFTERNOON DROP-OFF LOCATION

Alternate Address/Day Care/Babysitter Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

SCHEDULE: Monday – Friday OR circle the days: M T W TH F

Child care provider must be operational within the Hedrick Hudson School District boundary. A registered child care provider, pursuant to Section 390 of the Social Services Law, must provide the License or Registration Number.

Program Contact Name: _____

License/Registration Number: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Bus Number: _____ Bus Stop: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This form must be submitted to the Transportation Department by June 30th via mail, fax or in person.

Telephone: 914-257-5200 * Fax: 914-257-5201 * Email: Transportation@henhudschools.org

(please call to confirm receipt of form)

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2026-2027 Student Release Form for Transportation Only

Required for Kindergarten – 3rd Grade Only

Student Name: _____ PM Bus # _____
(Print Clearly) (One student per form)

School Name: _____ Grade _____
(Print Clearly)

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Please check if your child has permission to get off the bus without a parent/guardian/adult present.

If your child does not have permission to get off the bus by themselves, please list the names of any adults that will be allowed to pick up your child from the bus stop (three (3) names/child). This is different from the emergency information you've given the school. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only the people listed below with valid identification will be allowed to pick up your child from the bus stop. If anyone else attempts to pick up your child, he/she will be returned to school.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____
(Print Clearly)

Date: _____

***** Please return form via mail, fax, or email – Remember to confirm receipt *****

***** It takes several days to process this request *****