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TRANSPORTATION

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NOAH - No One At Home

Union County Public Schools strongly recommends that parents accompany students to and from their assigned bus stops. Since all buses serve two and three schools in the afternoons, an on-time schedule is very important, and parents can help us better serve all of our students by meeting the elementary bus at their child's stop. It is the duty and responsibility of the parents or their designee to provide supervision at the bus stop for grades Pre-K and Kindergarten students, therefore, UCPS Transportation does not allow Pre-K or Kindergarten students to get off of the bus without a parent/guardian present or the written consent to be released with an older sibling on the appropriate form.

The following procedure will be used when students (grades Pre-K/K) are unable to be dropped off at the bus stop alone and must be returned to school:

1. The driver will contact the school by radio and document each occurrence.
    a. After the first documented offense, the driver will notify the Area Transportation Manager.
2. The driver will transport the student back to school at the end of the route if no other arrangements are feasible.
3. In the event the student must be returned to school, school staff will contact the parent to pick up the child at the school. The first occurrence will serve as a notice to the parent that future occurrences may warrant action.
4. After the second documented occurrence, the transportation staff will coordinate with the school to:
    a. schedule a parent conference
    b. explore afternoon bus suspension
    c. determine if Social Services needs to be involved.
5. If there are additional occurrences when the student is unable to be dropped off, bus riding privileges may be suspended.

Note: Parents may complete authorizations to drop their students off at bus stops unattended or to get off of the bus with sibling. This consent must be kept at the school level, on the bus as well as a copy placed in the area transportation office.

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