



DISTRICT 25 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Be safe. Be ready. Be mindful.

Guidelines for Safe Bus Riding

Traveling on a school bus is one of the safest forms of transportation, but it takes everyone's help to keep it that way and to make it even safer.

Most bus accidents don't happen on the bus; more often children are hit by a school bus or a passing car. Most of these accidents happen on the trip home from school and in front of the bus.

When BOARDING the Bus

WAIT . . . for the bus at the stop that you will get on from

STAY . . . far away from the traffic, up on the sidewalk if available

WAIT . . . until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver instructs you to come forward and board the bus

When LEAVING the Bus

WALK . . . forward, along the side of the road until you see the driver

STOP . . . wait for the signal to cross

WALK & LOOK . . . if you see a vehicle moving, go back to the bus immediately

WALK & LOOK . . . if all vehicles have stopped, cross the road quickly

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to higher enrollment on each bus route, riders may ride their bus only. Students will not be allowed to switch routes. Please make other arrangements for your student to go to their friends house.

Ways PARENTS Can Help Before Leaving Home

- Don't rush: have your child prepared to leave early so they don't have to run for the bus.
- Gear check: Use a backpack to keep hands free, and remove any loose strings that could catch on handrails.
- ID prep: Make sure your child knows their address, phone number, and bus route.
- Backup plan: Have a plan with neighbors and your child if the bus is late or you aren't home.

At the Bus Stop

- Supervision: Have an adult wait at the stop with the children.
- Boarding: Wait for the bus to fully stop; never chase it or knock on the door.

For Drivers

- Obey the law: Know and follow the Illinois Rules of the Road regarding school buses, and report illegal driving.

"Stop for a school bus that is loading or unloading passengers. The bus will warn drivers at least 100 feet ahead with flashing amber and red lights. Once the bus stops and extends its stop arm, you must stop completely. You may go when the lights stop flashing and the stop arm is withdrawn."

Ways STUDENTS Can Help

- Leave early and arrive at your bus stop at least five minutes before the bus arrives.
- Wait in a safe place away from the road.
- Wear a backpack to keep your belongings together.

Ways STUDENTS Can Help

- Do not pick up dropped items near the bus; ask the driver for help.
- Board the bus safely, use the handrail, and sit down.
- Follow the driver's instructions and stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep aisles clear, stay quiet, and be respectful.
- Stay silent at railroad crossings so the driver can hear traffic.
- Watch for traffic when leaving the bus.
- Cross only when the driver signals it is safe and you can see each other.
- Never chase or try to board a bus after the door has closed.

BUS RULES

- Stay seated and face forward while the bus is moving.
- Cooperate with the driver and follow assigned seating.
- Be respectful in words and behavior.
- Keep hands and head inside the bus.
- Do not eat, drink, or throw objects on or from the bus.
- Keep aisles clear and help keep the bus clean.
- Do not tamper with bus equipment.
- Stay quiet at railroad crossings.
- In emergencies, remain seated until the driver gives instructions.
- Do not ask for unscheduled stops.
- Follow the same rules on school trips as on regular bus rides.

BUS DISCIPLINE

Offense Level	Possible Disciplinary Consequences*
1 st Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warning• Alternative Consequence• Assigned Seating
2 nd and 3 rd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detention• Lunch Detention• Student Conference• Parent Conference• Personal Consulting
4 th Offense or Egregious Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus Suspension• Notification of Authorities

Consequences may vary based on the situation. Parents may be contacted for repeated or serious behavior concerns.

*Reference Student Handbook for details.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

District 25 feels strongly that bus safety is a number one priority. Students have the right to ride the bus in a safe environment. NO STUDENT may interfere with this right.

Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Mindful.

LATE BUSES

If the bus is more than 10 minutes late, parents may call First Student at 847-439-0923 for updates.

Parents should have a backup plan with neighbors and children in case the bus is late or no one is home after school.

ITEMS LEFT ON THE BUS

If a student leaves an item on the bus, parents should contact First Student at 847-439-0923 to arrange its return.

Items can be returned on the next bus route or picked up at 1910 S. Busse Rd., Arlington Heights.

VANDALISM ON THE BUS

If a student causes damage to the bus and is identified by the bus driver, a bill will be sent to the parents of the child to cover the cost of the repairs.

CONCERNS AND COMPLIMENTS

Bus Emergency Concerns

Contact First Student at 847-439-0923 or for the AHSD25 Transportation Specialist during the school work day, 847-758-4888.

About bus drivers/bus service:

Contact the Transportation Specialist at 847-758-4888.

About other passengers:

Contact the school office to report any issue with regard to behavior on the bus.