



**Charleston County School District**  
**Transportation Department**  
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## FY27 Red Tag Number Program

Dear Parent/Guardian:

For the safety of our youngest students, Charleston County School District requires all CD, Kindergarten and 1st grade bus riders to have a unique tag number that must match with a parent or guardian's tag number at the designated bus stop. Students in these grade levels will not be allowed to get off the bus if a parent/guardian or sibling designee is not present at the bus stop with the matching tag number.

Please see important details about this safety procedure below:

- CD, Kindergarten, and 1st grade bus riders will have a tag with a number attached to their backpack.
- Parents/guardians will receive (4) **parent tags**. Any adult designated by the parent will need a tag in order to receive the child.
- Parents/guardians will be required to show the parent tag at the bus stop (must be visible to the bus driver).
- **2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade siblings** may serve as the designee for CD, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students. A [Red Tag Sibling Permission Form](#) must be completed by the parent/guardian prior. These older siblings must also have a tag with the matching number on their backpack.
- Students who do not have a parent/guardian or sibling designee at the bus stop with their matching tag number will be returned to their home-based elementary school.
- If a student is returned to school, the parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up their student from school. Law enforcement may be contacted if the parent/guardian cannot be reached within a reasonable amount of time.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to providing safe and reliable transportation to your family.

Sincerely,

*James Lynch*



Red Tag Sibling Permission Form  
 (Please print – except for signature)

Parent/Guardian's Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Students(s) riding the bus route # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student	Grade of Student	School Student Attends	Days of week student will ride bus (MTWThF)
Name(s) of Sibling(s)	Grade/Age of Sibling(s)	School Sibling(s) Attends	Days of week student(s) will ride bus (MTWThF)

Student(s) in 1st grade or below, being dropped off at their assigned bus stop, may be accompanied by an older sibling, 2nd grader or above (listed above). A child in 1st grade or below will not be allowed to walk home on his/her own. When at the bus stop of a red tagged child, the driver determines that the student does not have supervision present or when at the bus stop of a red tagged child the driver determines that the information on the tag is incorrect; the driver will notify their supervisor, via radio and will follow instructions given by his/her supervisor. If, for any reason, the driver cannot reach their supervisor, they will return the red tagged child to his/her school before their next route.

I have read and agree to the above conditions and the regulations for riding a Charleston County School District school bus. My signature below indicates my permission for the above names students to use bus route # \_\_\_\_\_ for to and from school bus transportation.

Please submit this form to your child's teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date