

# RIDING THE BUS:

## A Guide for Kindergarteners, TTK Pre-Schoolers, and Parents.



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Welcome to the Reardan-Edwall School District. Our Transportation Department seeks to provide your children with the best ride possible. Our district encompasses unique terrain in a large geographic area that can make transporting students a challenge, which is why the safety and security of our students is our top priority.

To help make your student's ride a positive and pleasant experience we have developed this guide to help answer some of your questions regarding student transportation. If you should have any questions not covered in this guide please feel free to call the Transportation Office at (509) 796-4361 and we will be happy to assist you.

### Bus Routes

In alignment with District Policy, Routes and Schedules strive to achieve maximum service, safety, and security while keeping our operation as efficient and economic as possible. Below is a list of expectations:

- Student ride times could be in excess of an hour depending on how far you live from the school.
- Weather and conditions can make the ride longer.
- Emergency routes and schedules can be implemented during weather events.

### Bus Stops

Most of our stops are in rural areas and we ask that there is an adult at the stop to receive kindergarten, TTK/pre-school students. If there is not an adult at the stop, the student will be kept on the bus and the driver will contact our District's

dispatch to arrange with parents to pick up their student/s.

If kindergarteners-pre-schoolers are being picked up or dropped off with older students or siblings an adult does not have to be present. If the driver cannot see the front door of your residence and you are allowing your students to walk home then a permission note should be turned into the office. During the first few weeks of school, we ask for your help in establishing a routine with your students. We recommend that you take them to the bus stop in the mornings and be there to pick them up in the afternoons. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to scheduled drop off and pickup time.

We also ask that you review with your child the following safety rules prior to them riding the bus:

- No standing or playing in the roadway.
- Keep your personal items out of the roadway.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before approaching. ●  
Wait until the driver opens the door and gives the signal to board. ●  
Establish eye contact with the driver and wait for their signal to cross the roadway.
- If you must walk on the roadway to your stop, walk on the shoulder of the road and in the direction of oncoming traffic.
- Leave your pets at home.

We encourage you to let your child ride the bus to school for the first few days of school. Driving them only delays your child's learning and understanding of bus riding procedures, as well as delays our ability to establish accurate route times.

We ask that you review the following procedure with your Kindergarten or Pre-school student/s as it is the most safety-sensitive activity of riding the bus:

### Crossing the Roadway

- Students will not cross the roadway until signaled by the driver.

- Establish eye contact with the driver.
- The driver will have an arm extended palm facing the student.
  - When it is safe to cross, the driver will motion to the student (arm fully extended palm towards bus) in a sweeping motion that it is safe to cross.
- Students must cross the street in front of the bus and never behind.
- Cross in front of the crossing arm extending from the front bumper.

We thank you for your help in this matter and look forward to having a great year on the bus. If you should have any questions or concerns about transportation please call (509) 796-4361 or email [thoskins@reardansd.net](mailto:thoskins@reardansd.net).

I have also included the Three R's of the Bus. Please feel free to review these with your child as well.

Respectfully,

Troy Hoskins

Transportation Director



## Reardan's Three R's of the Bus

**R** I will be **RESPECTFUL** by:

- Listening to the Driver at all Times.
- Following school rules during bus rides
- Keeping all body parts inside the bus.

**R** I will be **RESPONSIBLE** by:

- Staying silent at railroad crossings.
- Using electronic devices appropriately.
- Sitting in the assigned seat unless given permission to change.

**R** I will be **READY** by:

- Obtaining a bus pass when changing stops.
- Keeping my pockets on the seat.
- Waiting and arriving promptly/appropriately.