



BUS TRANSPORTATION STATE & DISTRICT POLICIES



BUS STOP SUPERVISION

K4, K5 and 1st grade students

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety, protection and conduct of their child going to and from, and while at the bus stop.

When the bus arrives at the stop in the afternoon, a parent/guardian or **authorized individual** should be at the bus stop to escort the **Red Tag** (K4, K5 and 1st grade) students whether the student is alone or in a group. An **authorized individual** who may escort a K4, K5 and 1st grade student should be an adult or student who is 2nd grade or older. One person can serve as an escort for multiple children.

Green Tag (2nd Grade and older)- Can proceed from bus stop without and escort.

If the parent/guardian or authorized individual is not there to escort these students, the student may be returned to his/her school. If the student is returned to school, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up his/her child from school. If the parent cannot be reached, the matter may be referred to local authorities. A child returned three (3) times or more may lose bus riding privileges.



Authorized Individual Escort

Authorized Individual Escort must present the yellow card, pictured above, assigned to them in order to receive a K4, K5 or 1st grade. Student at the stop.

ASSIGNED BUS STOPS

All students must ride assigned buses, and board or exit at assigned bus stops. Prior to bus arriving, students should be in a single file line to board the bus.



STUDENTS MUST BE AT STOP

All students who ride a school bus must be at the bus stop before the bus arrives. Parents and guardians are responsible for the timely arrival of their children to the bus stop before the bus arrives for pick-up. The driver is not required to wait for student to exit their house or arrive to the bus stop.

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CARRY-ON ITEMS

No animals, insects, **weapons**, balloons, large band instruments, glass or pressurized containers, large class projects etc. are to be carried on a bus. No item should be larger than the student's lap.



NEVER BOARD A SCHOOL BUS

Parents/Citizens must never interfere with the operation of, nor board a school bus or in any way threaten the driver or students.

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AUTHORITY TO MANAGE THE BUS

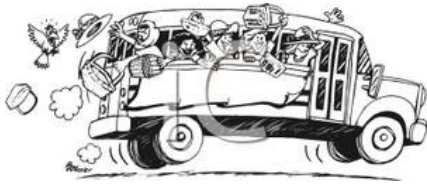
Drivers, by State Law, have the responsibility and full authority to manage the bus. Any problems should be brought to the school Principal or Director of Transportation attention—

NEVER TO A DRIVER.

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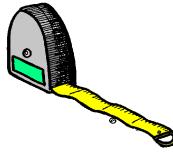


The State Department of Education (SDE) Regulates School Bus Transportation



PROGRESSIVE BUS DISCIPLINE

Riding the bus is a privilege and not a right. Correct behavior is the responsibility of the student, not the driver. School buses are classrooms in motion. **Discipline violations will result in disciplinary action from the schools principal** which may include suspension from riding the bus.



EXTENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The legal residence must be greater than 1.5 miles from the school, and students must reside in attendance area.

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CROSSING A ROADWAY

No student is to cross any 4-lane roadway at any time when engaged in school bus transportation services.



RIDING UNASSIGNED BUSES

Unassigned students will not be allowed on another bus without a note signed from parent **AND** approval signature from the school's principal, and then only if seating is available. Alternate care giver request may be approved only if seating is available.



BUS SEATING & OVER-CROWDED BUSES

When being seated on the bus, please sit in the seat closest to the window first. Drivers will determine who sits where on the bus. Drivers can use seating assignments. Occasionally, mechanical or weather conditions may delay the students arrival at school or home.

BUS SAFETY RULES

Back and bottom on seat facing forward

Use safe actions (walk on & off bus)

Show self control (keep hand, feet & objects to self), no food or drinks

Stay seated/no standing while bus is moving

Act responsibly & respectfully (use kind words)

Fighting prohibited

Everything to yourself (hands, feet, body, belongings, negative comments)

Talk quietly to your neighbor (use inside voice)

Your driver is in charge (follow directions)

All students must adhere to the bus safety rules!