



TRANSPORTATION

We are pleased to be able to provide safe and reliable transportation to eligible students. **However, riding the bus is a privilege.** The bus driver is in charge of the bus and students on it at all times. Any student who violates the bus rules may be denied the privilege of riding the bus and is subject to other disciplinary action determined by the principal. **Riding the bus is an extension of the school day. All school rules apply on the bus.**

Route Information

Rural students and students living in an area of the city, whose walking path to school is considered to be potentially hazardous, will be transported by the district.

Routes from year to year are similar, but not identical. Route information is listed in the paper on the Wednesday prior to the start of school (August 29, 2007). Students new to the district and kindergarteners whose family has not previously had a bus stop will be contacted by the bus company prior to the start of school to verify route information.

Changes in Pick-Up or Drop-Off

If you have information that affects your child's pick-up or drop-off, please contact Rick by calling 338-6079.

Bus Rules

Please review the following bus rules with your child:

1. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. The bus is not able to wait for late students.
2. Go directly to a seat and remain seated, keeping aisles and exits clear at all times while the bus is in motion.
3. Be courteous and respectful to other students and to the bus driver.
4. Loud talking or noise making, excessive horseplay or fighting are not allowed since these things can distract the driver.
5. Gum, candy, food and beverages are not allowed on the bus. Failure to follow this rule may result in loss of riding privileges for two or more days.
6. Tobacco, tobacco related products, alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited on the bus.
7. Never extend any part of your body out of the bus windows.
8. Do not throw or pass objects on, from or into the bus.
9. Only bring objects onto the bus that can be held in your lap. Large musical instruments are the exception to this.
10. No living creatures are permitted.
11. No glass containers of any kind are permitted.

12. Small balls, of all kinds, must be kept in backpacks, as they can create a hazard if they are on the floor or around the driver's pedals.
13. Treat bus equipment as you would treat furniture in your home. Keep the bus clean. Vandalism and graffiti writing will result in loss of riding privileges.
14. Remain quiet at railroad crossings until the bus has completely crossed and the driver says it is okay to talk.

Bus Passes

Bus passes are issued to students on an occasional basis as a service to families who need alternate bus arrangements for their children. Following are the conditions that must be met to allow for the limited use of bus passes.

- Parents send a **written request** to the school office, preferably the day prior to the need for the change. The note should include:
 - Student Name
 - Bus the student usually rides
 - Bus the student is requesting to ride
 - Reason for the change
 - Parent Signature and Phone Number
- The bus company then verifies if there is **room** on the requested bus.
- The request is for **one child or family** only.
- The request is for an **existing stop** on the route.
- The student has consistently followed bus **behavior guidelines**.

Birthday Parties/Group Events

If your child is having several children come home after school for a birthday party or other social gathering, please arrange for other transportation. **We are not able to issue bus passes for these events.**

School Vans

Some students are transported by van, rather than by bus. All rules for the school bus also apply to students who ride a school van.