

Transportation of Students

School boards may provide transportation to their students.

Transportation is a privilege, not a right.

School bus rules and regulations are set to maintain a safe and reliable mode of transportation.

Failure to abide by the rules will result in the loss of transportation privileges.



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School Bus Safety Rules

Rules for **getting on** the bus safely:

1. Be at the stop at least ten (10) minutes prior to your scheduled pickup time as per board policy.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Wait at the designated stop in a safe area (10 feet) well back from the side of the road.
4. Remember the danger zone around the bus. The danger zone is 10 feet away all around the bus. The bus driver cannot see you when you are in the danger zone.
5. If you cross the street to get on the bus: when the bus comes, wait until it has come to a complete stop. The bus driver will make sure that all the traffic stops. The stop arm will be out and the red lights will be flashing. Watch the driver. When the driver knows it's safe, he/she will signal you to cross, always look both ways before you cross. Walk, don't run.
6. Hold the hand rail as you get on the bus. Don't push or shove.

Rules for **safe school bus riding**:

1. Take your seat promptly and sit properly, facing forward at all times.
2. Hold belongings/book bags in your lap. Do not stick your feet in the aisle, someone might trip.
3. Keep your head and arms inside the bus. Do not throw anything out the windows or around the bus.
4. Talk quietly. The driver must concentrate to drive the bus safely.
5. Save snacks for snack time at school or till you get home. They may spill or you may choke if the bus goes over a big bump.
6. No fighting, shouting or playing in or around the bus.
7. Always follow the bus driver's instructions.

Rules for **leaving the bus safely**:

1. When you leave the bus, hold the handrail and watch your step. When you step off the bus, take two large steps away from the bus and ten large steps ahead of the bus.
2. Cross only when the driver gives a signal. Cross the street in single file.
3. If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. Tell the driver or another adult.
4. If everyone is getting off the bus, the people at the front leave first. Do not push.
5. Be familiar with the rules for emergencies.

The Board may provide transportation for students with a home address further than:

- 1.0 miles (grades K – 8)
- 2.0 miles (grades 9-12)

Alternate drop-off points are **unacceptable**. Your child should be consistently picked up at **one (1) designated stop** or dropped off at one designated stop during the year. Change in drop-off points for your child is an unsafe practice, therefore, is not allowed.

Routes are set to service all students as safely and efficiently as possible.

In the event of **inclement weather** please listen to radio stations and local news media for cancellations or delays.



Parent/Guardians are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children prior to pick-up, at the start and after leaving the bus at the end of the school day.

Kindergarten, First and Second grade students – If the parent or a person designated is not physically present at the bus drop-off point, the student(s) will be returned to the school.

Remember:

1. Be at the bus stop on time;
2. No pushing or shoving (on or off the bus);
3. Board in single file;
4. Assist small children on or off the bus;
5. No smoking, eating or drinking;
6. Do not litter;
7. No loud talking/foul language;
8. No large objects or animals;
9. Be quiet when approaching a railway crossing;
10. Damages to seats or equipment must be paid for by the offender parent/guardian.

