

STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Bus Routes and Bus Stops

Bus routes and stop locations are developed annually based on student population and residential addresses. Common stops are established for the purpose of safety, economy and efficiency of student transportation.

Walk to stop distances (Maximum)

Davis	3/10 th of a mile
Lane	5/10 th of a mile
JGMS	8/10 th of a mile
BHS	8/10 th of a mile

Walk to school distances (maximum)

Davis	5/10 th of a mile
Lane	3/4 th of a mile
JGMS	1 mile
BHS	1.5 miles

STUDENTS WHO RIDE A SCHOOL BUS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE FOLLOWING:

In the morning:

- Locate your bus stop – generally you would use the stop that is closest to your home address, the routes are all developed based on the student’s official home address.
- Be on time to your bus stop, plan to **arrive at least 10minutes to 15 minutes** before the bus is scheduled to arrive – most routes take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete, so it is very important that you arrive at your bus stop early. At the beginning of every school year sometimes buses are delayed, be patient the bus will arrive. Within a few days the bus routes will settle into a routine and you will be able to correctly anticipate the schedule.
- Pupils shall stand on the sidewalk or another designated place well away from the road while waiting for the school bus. They shall respect other people’s property, respect the right of other people to pass on the sidewalk, and display manners that indicate consideration and safety for others
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before boarding. Never run beside a bus, chase after a bus, or pick up anything that has fallen near the wheels of a bus.
- Board the bus quickly and find a seat. Do not block the aisle. The quicker we can load the better everyone’s bus trip will be. There is no saving of seats, or not allowing someone a seat on the bus.
- Because the school bus is relatively narrow and seat space is at a premium, no large instruments (e.g., cellos, French horns), large projects or large objects should be brought on the bus. In addition, a child must be able to carry and contain any and all items

between his/her legs or on his/her lap, large objects, instruments and projects cannot be accommodated in the one seat in which a child is sitting.

- When riding the bus the driver is in charge. Riders should remain seated and not be disruptive while on the bus. Driving a school bus is not an easy job and drivers need to be paying attention to the road to ensure everyone's safety. Students who are disruptive on the bus endanger everyone's safety.
- If a student causes a disruption on the bus drivers have been instructed upon arrival at the school to immediately inform the school Principal of the situation. The school Principal will review the situation and handle any discipline they deem necessary, up to and including suspension of bus riding privileges,
- Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop at your school
- The safety of students, and particularly those who suffer from life threatening allergies, is a major concern. It is because of this that food (including any type of candy or gum) and drinks are strictly prohibited from consumption on the school bus. All food, drink, and candy must remain contained while on the school bus.

Afternoon Pickup

- Students should only board their assigned bus for the trip home. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before boarding. Never run beside a bus, chase after a bus, or pick up anything that has fallen near the wheels of a bus.
- When riding the bus the driver is in charge. Riders should remain seated and not be disruptive while on the bus.
- Please remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop at your bus stop
- It is recommended that students Davis School students (Gr. K-2) and Lane School students (Gr. 3-5) be met at the stop by a parent or guardian.
- Move away from the bus as you disembark. If you absolutely need to cross, do so in front of the bus and **ONLY** after the driver indicates to you that it is safe to do so. When crossing in front of the bus make sure you can see the bus driver clearly, and that the red lights are flashing. Pass at least 10 feet in front of the bus and look for traffic in both directions before crossing the roadway. Before you cross any street, make certain that all traffic has stopped completely.

If you feel there is an extraordinary safety circumstance that would justify a reevaluation of the bus stop location, please put your concern in writing to:

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