***Frequently Asked Transportation Questions***

 ***For Kindergarten Parents***

 ***Where does my child catch the bus?***

You will receive a letter with detailed route information for your student the first week of August.

 ***Can my child be transported to or from a Child Care Provider?***

Yes. In order for us to transport your child to/from a Child Care Provider, you will need to complete and submit our online form, located in the transportation section of our districts website. **\* Please read the attached letter explaining our new guidelines and procedures regarding student pick-up and drop-off locations at a location other than your residence.**

 ***Can I have more than one bus stop?***

The Transportation Department has made a change for the 2014-15 school year regarding pick-up and drop-off procedures for purposes of childcare. Student pick-up/drop-off will only be at one established location with no varying days. Your student will be transported from that location five days per week. The A.M. bus stop may differ from the P.M. bus stop.

***Are kindergarten students picked up at their house or at a neighborhood stop?***

Most students are picked up and dropped off at neighborhood stops with other students. In some instances, your student may have a pick-up or drop-off location at your house.

 ***If I missed the bus, can I follow the bus to get my child on or off at the next stop?***

No, this is not safe and the child can only get on or off at his/her assigned bus stop. Parents can drive to the assigned school and wait for the child to be brought back.

***What if my child missed the bus?***

Please take your child to school. Each bus is on a schedule, sending the bus back will only result in further delays for other students.

***Must I be at the stop to pick up my child?***

This is your choice. Please communicate with the driver if your child is safe to walk home alone or if someone other than you will be meeting the bus. Our drivers will always be vigilant about keeping your student safe. However, they may not know if you are home or not. We never want to put your child in danger. It is important that you are home on time. Route times may vary due to unforeseen circumstances or a change in student attendance. We ask that you are available to receive your child at the school’s dismissal time.

***Will my student’s bus be on time the first few days of school?***

Buses may run early or late the first two weeks of school. Please be at the bus stop 5 minutes before its scheduled arrival time. We thank you for your patience as we work out our schedules.

***Can my child get off at a different stop or ride a different bus to go home with a friend to play?***

No, we only allow students to get off at another stop in emergency situations. If an emergency occurs, please call both the school and the transportation department with information detailing your request.

***How should I prepare my child to ride the school bus?***

Safety Town is a great way to start. The driver will go over the bus rules with all of the students the first two weeks of school. Please make sure you go over the Transportation Policies, Procedures and Guidelines that are available on the transportation web page.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.



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