

Transportation

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY & PUPIL RESPONSIBILITY

Safety on the school bus is not solely the responsibility of the school administration and the bus driver. Safety is a matter of teamwork and requires the constant support and attention of the pupils and the parents as well as the personnel at the school.

Bus transportation is an expensive PRIVILEGE for any student who is transported to and from school. Parents are legally responsible for actions or damages caused by their children.

Although we prefer that parents of younger children be present at their bus stop, we realize that it is not always possible. Please teach your children where to go in the event you are not at the bus stop. Thank you for your cooperation.

STUDENT MEDICAL ALERT

In a continuing effort to safeguard our students, procedures have been established for students who are at risk for anaphylaxis, seizures or other serious medical conditions. On a yearly basis and upon completion of the student medical emergency form by parent or guardian, the school nurse will advise the Transportation Coordinator of students who potentially could experience a life threatening medical emergency. Drivers are informed of this confidential information and accordingly may move the student(s) closer to the front of the bus, so that they may be aware of any difficulties the child may experience. All drivers have been instructed in the emergency procedures to be followed.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Parents should familiarize themselves with the list of transportation regulations. At the same time, the importance of observing those regulations should be stressed to the pupil, not only for his/her own safety, but to protect the lives of all students riding the school bus.

Help the driver maintain his/her schedule by making sure that pupils are ready on time. Bus schedules are planned with sufficient time for pupil loading at each stop, but no time has been allotted for tardy pupils. Please do not have the driver stop at places other than the regular bus stop. He/she is not permitted to do so, except by proper authorization from a school official. Be sure you thoroughly understand and obey all traffic laws, rules and regulations pertaining to school buses. Assume responsibility in training your child to cooperate with school officials. Insist on habits of punctuality and correct behavior in waiting for and riding the school bus. Accompany very young pupils to the bus stop each morning and meet the bus in the afternoon for the purpose of supervising conduct and early training in safety practices.

AFTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Children are transported in one vehicle assigned to each side of the Township. When the student count is above the capacity of 54 students per bus, an additional bus will be added. Bus stops are limited to insure that all students are transported home in a timely manner, while the cost to the District is kept at a minimum.

It is the parent's responsibility to select the stop closest to their residence and familiarize their child with this information in the event he/she needs to utilize after school transportation.

A list of bus stops can be found at:

www.jefftwp.org/transportation/afterschool.shtml

PRIOR TO LOADING

1. Be on time at designated bus stop. The bus must keep to schedules to insure the safety of other pupils. Pupils should be at the bus stop 5 to 8 minutes prior to their scheduled time.
2. Pupils should never stand or play in the road while waiting for the bus. They should exhibit good behavior while waiting for the bus and stay off neighboring properties.
3. Pupils should remain in line at least five (5) feet from the bus when it stops to pick them up and should not move toward the bus until the door is opened.
4. Pupils must wait until the bus is completely motionless before boarding, must enter the bus without crowding or disturbing others and must occupy their seats immediately.

Parents must insist on habits of punctuality and correct behavior in waiting for and riding the school bus.

STUDENT BELONGINGS

Items being carried on the school vehicle should be contained in a backpack, carry-all, etc. Items should not be larger than the child. It creates an unsafe condition for pupils to carry cumbersome items while entering and exiting the vehicle.

ROLLING BACKPACKS

Students who use backpacks with wheels are not permitted to roll them up/down the stairs or aisle. Please teach your children to carry their backpacks on/off the bus. While in transit, backpacks should be on the student's lap, seat (if there is room) or under their seat. Be sure the aisle is not blocked.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ON SCHOOL VEHICLES

Instruments Allowed:

Flute
Clarinet
Alto Saxophone
Trumpet
Piccolo

Instruments Not Allowed:

Trombone
Baritone Horn
Tenor & Baritone Saxophones
Alto & Bass Clarinets
Tuba
French Horn
Snare Drum



WHILE ON THE BUS

1. Pupils must obey the driver. The driver is in full charge of the bus and pupils, and has the authority of a classroom teacher.
2. Go immediately to assigned seat and buckle seat belt. Pupils should remain seated until the bus reaches the school.
3. While the bus is in motion, pupils must remain seated.
4. Keep musical instruments, books and all other objects out of the aisle. Your life may depend on a clear passage to the emergency door.
5. Loud talking, laughter or undue commotion tends to divert the driver's attention.
6. Pupils may not call out to passers-by. Pupils must keep arms or other parts of their body inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus.
7. Never throw articles from the bus windows.
8. Smoking is not permitted on the bus.
9. Eating and drinking is not permitted on the bus.
10. Always enter and leave the bus through the front door. The rear door is for emergency use only. You will be instructed how to get off the bus quickly in case of an emergency.
11. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. Remember, the bus and its equipment serves a purpose. Tampering with any part may result in serious injury to yourself or others.

Children who disregard these regulations will receive a Misconduct Report on Bus, issued by the driver. Continued disregard of regulations will lead to disciplinary action and quite possibly suspension from riding the bus. Should a child be suspended from bus privileges, his/her parents will have to find other means of transportation to and from school.

AFTER LEAVING THE BUS

1. No pupil shall be allowed to enter/leave the bus at any place, other than his/her regularly assigned bus stop, without written consent from the principal, as requested in writing by a parent.
2. Pupils that need to cross a roadway must do so quickly. They should walk ten (10) feet in front of the bus and only after the driver signals them to do so.
3. Help look after the safety and comfort of smaller children.
4. Walk quickly, don't loiter, you may be holding up traffic. Go directly home after exiting the bus.

