

USD 298 Lincoln Bus Policies

Walk Zone Designation:

- Students residing in the city limits of Lincoln, this includes all ages.
- Maximum walking distance is 1.5 miles, as the crow flies. Those students over the 1.5 miles are eligible for transportation.
- Hazardous or unsafe walking areas, which students must walk through will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Stop Designation:

- All bus stops will be approved by the Board of Education.
- Each student shall have a designated pick-up and drop-off stop. These can be different stops.
- Students will not be allowed to have multiple stops.
- In case of an emergency, students may be pick-up or dropped off at another stop with written authorization from the parent.
- Stops will be established at the end of student's driveway. Those stops that may be deemed a safety hazard will be evaluated and re-established at the student's home. School district or DS Bus Lines will not be responsible for any damage done to the student's driveway. It is the home owner's responsibility to make sure the driveway is maintained so that the bus can have easy and safe access.
- When road conditions on the private drive are not passable, the bus will stop at the intersection of the private drive and public roadway. Prior notification will be provided when possible.

Child Care:

- Parental requests to pick up or deliver students at child care providers will only be approved if the request does not alter the original bus route and will not increase the bus load to overcapacity. All requests must be approved by DS Bus Lines.

Group Stops:

- Group stops will be designated in the communities of Barnard, Beverly and Westfall.

Young Students:

- Students in Pre-K through 2nd grade must have a parent or guardian to take them off the bus.
- Any authorized guardian must be a minimum of 15 years old to take a child off the bus.
- Any child without a parent or guardian at their designated stop will be returned to the school

Turnaround Policy:

- Students residing at a "turnaround stop" (a stop at which the bus deviates from the route to pick up the student then "turn around" to complete the route) are required to notify the bus driver in advance if the student is not riding. Failure to notify the driver three times of the student not riding, will result in the bus no longer making that stop unless student notifies the driver that they will be riding on that particular day.

Non-resident Transportation:

- Transportation service will only be provided within the geographic confines of the Lincoln School District. Non-resident students will be allowed to meet the bus at a designated stop within the district. Non-resident students wanting transportation should contact DS Bus Lines to make arrangements for service.