

WALKERS AND RIDERS

Transportation to school shall be provided for all school children, from established designated bus stops, as the Board may determine.

In addition, transportation shall be provided for all special education students, students attending the Tri-County Technical Center, and others as prescribed by law or deemed advisable by the Board.

Students attending the Tri-County Technical Center will go to and return from Tri-County via transportation provided by the District unless permission is provided from a parent or guardian for alternate transportation.

Riding Policies

1. Children may be required to meet at a predetermined designated bus stop at a scheduled time. Students living on outlying roads, where bus routes are not established students will be expected to walk to the designated bus stop on the main road and be transported from there to their respective schools.
2. Stops will be chosen with concern for safety of the children involved.
3. Bus drivers shall pick up only at scheduled stops; they shall not admit students not assigned to the particular bus. Drivers are required not to exceed the legal bus capacity.
4. Students shall ride on assigned buses. At the close of school, they shall be transported to the original pick-up point, and they shall not be permitted to disembark at other points or to ride other buses without permission from parent or guardian. Permission from parent or guardian must be given to the school and that permission transferred to the driver from the school with a physical address. (written/verbal permission cannot be given directly to the driver).
5. The District will establish internal control procedures designed to ensure that riders do not get dropped at the incorrect physical location unintentionally or without expressed permission from the parents. (explicit bus lists, communication from principals. etc.)

Once a child boards the bus -- and only at that time - - does he or she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day or is picked up at school by a parent or guardian.

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In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board shall require children to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

Students waiting for buses shall wait in designated areas and shall not crowd near the bus while the vehicle is in motion. Students waiting for the bus shall allow all passengers on the bus to be discharged prior to their entering the bus.

RSU 19 accepts the responsibility of transporting all students within its set busing boundaries to and from school in a comfortable and safe manner. The RSU 19 Board of Directors understands that in today's society there may be a need for cooperation in children's activities, especially in the case of two (2) working parents, single parents, etc. It is important to understand, however, that the RSU 19 Board of Directors cannot alter bus routes or overload buses due to family or individual childcare needs, or organized group activities.

The decision on the above shall be made by the Transportation Supervisor, Principal and Superintendent and is binding.