

GLADES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Building Academic Excellence

Dr. Alice E. Barfield
Superintendent

January 7, 2022

Andrew Biggar
Director of
Academic Services

Parent/Guardian:

Dawn Martin
Director of Finance

It has come to my attention students have been utilizing more than one bus and/or bus stop. This is causing issues with the schools having to change transportation for students and ensuring they get correct message, but more importantly, it is causing shortage with seats on buses. We have had complaints from parents/guardians on more than one occasion of students having to sit on the floor of a bus as no seat was available. This is unacceptable.

Brian Greseth
Director of
Administrative
Services

Per School Board Policy #8600, Parents, guardians, and students shall be informed their responsibilities for the following:

Andrea Schillinger
Director of
Exceptional Student
Education

- B. to ensure that students ride **only** on their assigned school buses and get off only at assigned bus stops, except when the District has approved, upon the request of the parent or guardian, alternative buses or arrangements.

TBD
Director of
Student Services

It is the School District's responsibility to transport a student to and from the legal address on file with the District and the assigned school. Any other transportation, is to be provided by the parent/guardian. This includes, but is not limited to, going to a relative's house, parents who are separated/divorced and student splits time between both parents, going to a friend's house, going to any other location than legal home address, etc.

Janice Lee
Director of
Human Resources

School Board Members

• Crystal Drake
District 1

The safety and security of all of our students is the utmost of importance to me. We cannot account for students who do not ride the correct bus to and from school. Therefore, effective January 31, 2022, no student will be permitted to ride a school bus unless it is to their **assigned** legal address. Please ensure the school has the correct legal address on file for your student.

• Jenny Allen
District 2

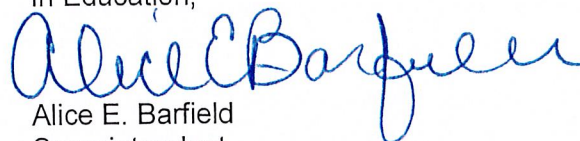
• Jean Prowant
District 3

• Gloria Reese
District 4

I appreciate your cooperation in ensuring all Glades County School District students are being transported correctly and safely.

• Patricia Pearce
District 5

In Education,



Alice E. Barfield
Superintendent

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Siete de Enero del 2022

Padre/Guardianes:

Ha llegado a mi atención qué estudiantes han estado utilizando más de un autobús y/o parada de autobús. Esto está causando dificultades con las escuelas teniendo que cambiar transporte para los estudiantes y asegurando que ellos tengan el mensaje correcto, pero más importante aún, está causando que no haya suficientes asientos en el autobús. Nosotros hemos tenido quejas de los padres/guardianes en más de una ocasión de estudiantes tener que sentarse en el suelo del autobús, ya que no había asiento disponible. Esto es inaceptable.

De acuerdo a La Póliza De La Junta Escolar #8600, Padres/Guardianes, y estudiantes serán informados de sus responsabilidades en lo siguiente:

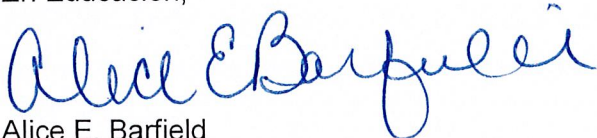
B. Para garantizar que los estudiantes solo viajen en sus autobuses asignados en el y bajarse solo en las paradas de autobús asignadas, excepto cuando el distrito ha aprobado, a petición del padre/guardián, autobuses o arreglos alternativos.

Es responsabilidad del Distrito Escolar transportar un estudiante hacia y desde la dirección legal en el archivo con el Distrito y la escuela asignada. Cualquier otro modo de transporte, debe ser proporcionado por el padre/guardián. Esto incluye, pero no se limita a, ir a la casa de un pariente, padres que están separados/divorciados y que los estudiantes dividen el tiempo entre ambos padres, ir a la casa de un amigo, o ir a cualquier otra locación que no sea la dirección legal, etc.

La seguridad de todos los estudiantes es lo más importante para mi. No podemos dar cuenta de los estudiantes que no viajan en el autobús correcto hacia y desde la escuela. Por lo tanto, efectivo Treinta Y Uno de Enero del 2022, no se permitirá a ningún estudiante será permitido subir al autobús a menos que sea a su dirección legal asignada. Por favor aseguren que la escuela tenga la dirección asignada correcta en el archivo del estudiante.

Agradezco su cooperación para asegurar que todos los estudiantes de Glades County Schools están siendo transportados de manera correcta y segura.

En Educacion,



Alice E. Barfield
Superintendente



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8600 - **TRANSPORTATION**

It is the policy of the School Board to provide transportation for those students whose distance from their school makes this service necessary within the limitations established by State law and the regulations of the State of Florida. Such laws and rules shall govern any question not covered by this policy.

Provisions for reciprocal agreements with contiguous school districts for school bus transportation services, inspections, and screening requirements shall be in accordance with Florida statute.

School buses shall be purchased, housed, and maintained by the District for the transportation of resident students between their home areas and the schools of the District to which they are assigned.

Students living more than two (2) miles from their home school will be eligible for District provided bus transportation. Students who attend school out of their home school zone will not be eligible for District provided transportation. Students shall board the bus at the nearest designated stop and will not enter or leave the bus at any other designated stop, except upon approval of the principal or principal's designee.

Students eligible for transportation who are beyond the accessibility of school bus transportation shall be provided isolated transportation by payment to the parent of an amount established by the Board. Payment of the amount established will be based upon the date of the application or the date the service began whichever occurred first during the current attendance reporting period.

Parents of students who become or are determined to be non-eligible for school bus transportation shall be notified in writing. The student will be allowed to ride the bus for a minimum of three (3) additional days depending on the circumstances of the non-eligibility. If the student was riding the school bus illegally, removal from the bus will be immediate.

Bus routes shall be established so that an authorized bus stop is available within reasonable walking distance of the home of every resident student entitled to transportation services. The Board shall approve the bus routes annually. The Superintendent is authorized to make any necessary changes in the approved route.

The Board authorizes the installation and use of video recording devices in the school buses to assist the drivers in providing for the safety and well being of the students while on a bus.

The Superintendent shall comply and require the compliance by the Supervisor of Support Services, Principals, and bus drivers with State Board of Education Rules governing transportation, which are found in F.A.C. Chapter 6A-3, and shall take steps necessary so that the Director of Transportation, bus drivers, principals and parents are fully and timely informed of their respective powers and responsibilities thereunder.

The Superintendent shall require that bus operators, and attendants if used, be instructed as to their responsibilities for students who are transported at public expense as follows:

- A. The operator or attendant of a bus transporting students shall remain with the bus so that students aboard will be under supervision at all times, except to call for assistance in case of an emergency or accident involving the students or bus.

- B. In cases where a student with physical disabilities is unable to leave the area of a student stop without assistance, the school bus operator shall not assume responsibility for such assistance except in an emergency that threatens the safety of such student or students.
- C. The operator and attendant (if used) shall be provided training related to students; however, the operator and attendant (if used) shall not give medicine and shall limit his/her assistance to that which may normally be expected of a reasonable, prudent person or as specified in the student's Individual Educational Plan.

The Superintendent shall require that bus operators and attendants are provided instructions, in writing, as to any special conditions or non-medical care which a student may need while on the bus.

Further, the Superintendent shall require the Supervisor of Support Services to consider the knowledge, skills and abilities related to student management techniques, as well as the characteristics of students with disabilities, when selecting or assigning operators and attendants for routes serving ESE students.

Parents, guardians, and students shall be informed at least annually in writing of their responsibilities for the following:

- A. to ensure the safe travel of their students during the portions of each trip to and from school and home when the students are not under the custody and control of the District, including during each trip to and from home and the assigned bus stop when the District provides bus transportation;
- B. to ensure that students ride only on their assigned school buses and get off only at assigned bus stops, except when the District has approved, upon the request of the parent or guardian, alternative buses or arrangements;
- C. to ensure students are aware of and follow the District's adopted Code of Student Conduct while the students are at school bus stops and provide necessary supervision during times when the bus is not present;
- D. to ensure that, when the physical disability of the student renders the student unable to get on and off the bus without assistance, the parent or guardian provides the necessary assistance to help the student get on and off at the bus stop, as required by District policy or the student's individual educational plan.

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F.A.C. Chapter 6A-3