Bus Transportation - Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION: Can my student ride a different bus in the morning or afternoon?

ANSWER: YES,

AM: Provide your student with a note for the driver and whether the afternoon route will be affected.

PM: Call your school or transportation office for a bus pass. Calls late in the day or after the bell may not be successful. Students must come to the office for a pass and may not hear their names announced.

*Note: Please be specific. Avoid using vague references like “grandmother’s house today.” Include names and addresses.

QUESTION: Can I remove my child from the bus in school load zones in the afternoon or text them to depart the bus while I wait in the school parking lot?

ANSWER: NO. It’s against State regulations for students to depart their buses at stops other than their own. Exceptions for emergencies are considered. The driver may not know who is currently authorized to take a child off the bus. Parents should plan ahead and pick their students up at school. Students who do not intend to ride the bus home should not board the bus. The transportation office may require written requests subject to verification prior to students being released from the bus.

QUESTION: What if we move and have a new stop?

ANSWER: Call Transportation at (360) 264 – 4948 to update your stop.

QUESTION: If my student is suspended from the bus, can they ride a different bus?

ANSWER: NO, students are not allowed to ride any bus to/from school during suspension. Exceptions are made for field trips and sporting events with school and transportation’s approval.

QUESTION: Can I ride with my child on the bus?

ANSWER: NO. However, exceptions are made for field trips with district supervision and approval.

QUESTION: What about inclement weather, school closures and delays?

ANSWER: Transportation monitors the weather and checks the roads early. The Superintendent makes the decision on whether to delay 2 hrs or cancel between 0500-0530. Begin monitoring major news and radio channels for updates. In rare instances, a decision could be amended, but we’ll try notify the media as early as possible.