



Riding Rules for Students

Our department strives to provide safety first when using Transportation Services. Please know that the bus time can be affected by traffic and bad weather. The driver will make every effort to be at the stop at the assigned time. Please note: all students should be ready to board the bus 10 minutes before their scheduled picked up time. Be aware students are to board the bus at their assigned stops only. **DO NOT WAIT IN YOUR VEHICLE UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES.** For safety reasons, after the bus has left your child assigned stop, do not attempt to chase the bus for any reason.

For both safety and consideration of others, please observe the following school bus conduct rules:

All bus stop times are estimated and are subject to change as necessary. If the time change is within the "ten minute" window, you will not be notified.

Students should wait a reasonable amount of time at the bus stop after scheduled pick-up time prior to returning home. Twenty minutes is suggested.

Students should cross only in front of the bus.

While on the bus:

- Walk to your seat
- Sit facing forward
- Keep your feet on the floor
- Remain seated at all times
- RCS drivers have the right to assign seats for inappropriate conduct.
- Share your seat willingly. There is room for up to 3 students on one seat.

- Keep the aisles clear. Please keep all items that you bring on the bus on your lap.

Please do not bring the following items on the school bus:

- Pets or other animals
- Glass containers or other fragile items
- Aerosol cans
- Large band instruments
- No large athletic equipment Including hockey and lacrosse sticks
- Balloons
- Other items that can become projectiles
- Food and beverages cannot be consumed on the bus
- If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait for him/her on the same side where the bus unloads and not across the street. In his/her excitement to see you, your child may dash across the street, forgetting to follow the safety rules.

For Parents/Guardians

The safety of our student is a shared responsibility. It is your responsibility to get your child safely on the bus. Please take reasonable and necessary precautions to ensure your child's safety when walking to or from the bus stop and while waiting for the bus to come.

The District's responsibility begins when your child boards the District vehicle.

In addition to ensuring that your child gets safely to and from the bus, the following are parent/guardian responsibilities:

- If your child/children are the only students at a bus stop and will not ride, please notify the Transportation Center (248) 726-5925. If your child/children do not ride for two (2) consecutive days without notification, the bus will not return until the Transportation Center is contacted requesting reinstatement.
- Know the time and location of your child's scheduled pick up and drop off.
- Make arrangements to have an appropriate person at the designated drop off time.
- Keep animals away from the loading areas.
- Make sure your child knows and follows the bus code of conduct.

We understand that getting your child to the bus stop and picking them up in the afternoon can be a challenge for some families. Many neighbors have used the opportunity to get to know each other better by starting car pools or "walk pools" to and from the bus.

Together, we can make this a transportation safe year.

Thank you for your consideration and your support.