



BUS RULES FOR KINDERGARTEN DROP-OFF

The bus is an extension of school. Therefore, bus riders will be subject to the same rules and expectations as in school. For kindergarten riders the following special rules will apply:

1. A Kindergartener may not give his/her bus driver directions on where to stop or for whom. Drivers are specifically directed not to follow the instructions given by any kindergartener, no matter what the circumstance. When in doubt, the responsibility for a safe ride rests with the driver.
2. Drivers will not accept notes, verbal directions, or special arrangements for dropping off kindergarten riders in any place other than his/her designated drop area. Drivers will be instructed not to drop a child off at any place other than the designated stop, and an authorized adult must always be present to receive the child. The only exception to this rule is when a child brings a note to school allowing him/her to visit a friend on designated "visiting days." This note must be given to the driver by the child's teacher in order for it to be honored.
3. Kindergarten riders will not be allowed to get off their buses unless an authorized adult is waiting at the designated stop for each child. If no adult is waiting, drivers will honk their horn to announce their arrival. If after a period of waiting and no adult appears, the child will be driven back to school. The bus driver will call 1) the bus company, and 2) school to alert the Principal or her designee that no adult was at the bus stop and the child is being returned to school. The school will continue to attempt to make telephone contact with the family to alert them that their child is in en route back to school.
4. A Kindergarten rider may exit the school bus with his sister or brother, provided the sibling is in third grade or above. If a kindergartener and his/her 1st- or 2nd-grade sibling are not met by adult at the designated area, both children will be returned to school following procedures detailed in #3 above.

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