

Transportation Information for Parents

Please be advised of the following important transportation information.

Bus stop locations and routes are reviewed each year. This might mean that bus stop locations and routes are changed to accommodate students and to be more efficient and fiscally responsible. Bus stop locations are established in accordance with state and federal laws, school board policies, guidelines and best practices.

In most cases, buses will not travel onto private drives or other locations where a safe turn around point is not available. Instead, students will be required to walk or be driven by the parent/guardian to and from the nearest main road. If your student needs transportation to a location other than home, the stop must be approved by the transportation supervisor. Buses will not travel off the routes to pick up or drop off students at any address that is not the home address listed with the school.

All students in the Mio "town" area will meet at a designated group stop closest to their home address. Door-to-door stops are not available in this area.

There are no bus passes to ride another bus other than the one assigned from the student's registered home address. This is necessary so as not to overload buses and stay within the capacity requirements of the State Law.

In accordance with state law, all items (including backpacks, bags, school projects, etc.) must be kept on the student's lap so not to obstruct the driver's view or ability to operate the bus, and to protect all occupants against injury. Please provide your student with a backpack, duffle bag, etc. to keep their belongings secure. If there is a question on transportation of a particular item, please contact the transportation supervisor.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get students to and from designated bus stops safely and to monitor their student while at the bus stop. Parents/guardians of kindergarten students must be waiting at the bus stop to receive their student at drop-off times unless other arrangements have been made with the transportation supervisor. If a parent/guardian is not at the bus stop to receive their kindergarten student, the student will be return to the school at the end of the bus route.

Buses tend to run late the first few weeks of school and during inclement weather. Students should arrive at the bus stop location approximately five to seven minutes prior to the schedules bus arrival time. Buses will not be able to wait or return for late students.

It is important to remember that the school rules apply to and from school, at school, on school property, at school sponsored events and on school transportation.

Riding a bus is a privilege. Please remind your student about appropriate bus behavior. Bus rules will be shared with students when they return to school and are posted on all buses. The bus driver is the sole authority on the bus while your child is being transported. Communication is an important aspect of transportation. It is important that we work together to provide students with a safe environment at all times. We appreciate your support and cooperation, and look forward to transporting you child

Bus Tip:

- Arrive at bus stop five to seven minutes prior to bus arrival time
- Stand 15 feet from roadway

- Drivers will not wait or go back for a student
- There may be three students per seat
- Appropriate behavior is expected or riding privileges may be taken away
- Wait on the home side of the road until red flashing lights appear and driver displays signal to cross
- Carry-on items must remain on student's lap
- Video security cameras are in operation on all school buses
- Students will not be allowed to ride a bus other than the one they are scheduled on without a bus pass from the office
- Bus drivers are authorized to, and may, assign seats
- All students must stay in their seat, facing front and keeping aisle clear