
Transportation Assignment

- If you change addresses during the school year, you must notify the school with proof of address, who in turn notifies the Transportation Department in order for your child to be authorized to ride a different bus or board at a different stop. Address changes require a minimum of 5 days for processing so please plan ahead. Bus drivers cannot approve changes to transportation and will not make changes without an approved note from the transportation office.
- Children are assigned one bus according to the address on file. Multiple bus assignments are not permitted. Students must ride the same bus for morning pickup and afternoon delivery.
- Students must ride their assigned buses. Students are not permitted to ride on another bus. We do not allow convenience rides.

Kindergarten Riders

All students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are expected to recognize their stops and will be permitted off the bus without an adult waiting. It is recommended that kindergarten students have a responsible individual waiting for them at the stop.

Tips for New Bus Riders

Riding the school bus may be scary for young riders.

- Teach your child the bus driver's name.
- Brief your child on the safety rules.
- Buddy up with a sibling or neighbor.
- Point out landmarks at the bus stop.
- Read a story book about riding the school bus.

Our Mission Statement

Our core mission is to transport our children to and from their centers of learning in a safe, timely, efficient and academically supportive manner. We are the first step in your children's educational journey.

School Bus Facts

- School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth from school.
- There are 37 separate federal safety standards for the construction of school buses.
- TSMA school buses are inspected every 30 days by certified Technicians.
- Florida schools transport 850,000+ students daily on over 17,000 buses.
- School bus drivers receive ongoing training.



School Bus Safety Tips

A guide to school transportation



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School Bus Rules

- Obey the bus driver.
- Be courteous to the bus driver and other passengers.
- Remain seated in your assigned seat.
- Wear your seatbelt.
- Talk quietly.
- No profanity.
- Keep the aisle clear.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- No horseplay or fighting on the bus.
- Do not throw objects.
- Keep heads, hands, and feet inside the bus.
- Tobacco and alcohol in any form is prohibited.
- Possession of illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Possession of weapons is prohibited.
- Do not damage or tamper with bus equipment.
- Keep the bus clean.
- Items left on the bus will be discarded, there is no "lost and found".
- Large items such as instruments or sports bags are not permitted on the bus due to space constraints.

Buckle Up!

All buses are equipped with seat belts available to every student.

Railroad Crossing

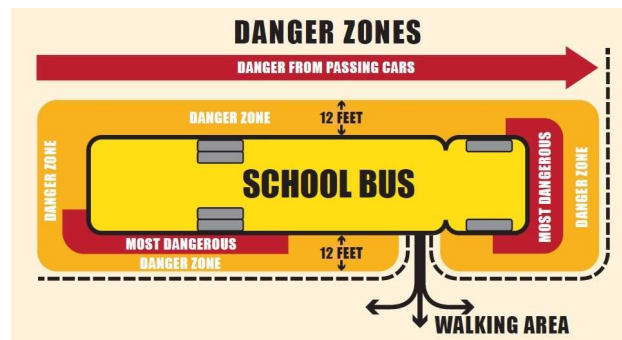
Stop talking and remain silent when the school bus comes to a railroad crossing so the bus driver can hear if a train is approaching.

Bus Stop & Loading Safety

- Arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes before your pickup time, with students out of vehicles.
- Wait in an orderly line or group.
- No horseplay or fighting at the bus stop.
- Stand back until the school bus has stopped.
- Young passengers should get on the school bus first.
- Use the handrail when entering the school bus.
- Move directly to your assigned seat.

Never speak to strangers at the bus stop

Never approach a stranger's car. Report strangers to your parents and the bus driver.



Danger Zone

- Parents - Never chase after the school bus.
- Students - Never approach a school bus from behind.
- Never attempt to retrieve items dropped in the road or under the school bus.
- Do not walk towards the school bus until it has completely stopped and the bus driver signals to you that it is safe.
- Only cross the road in front of the school bus.
- Only cross the road when the school bus driver has signaled to you that it is safe.

Speaking with the Bus Driver

We encourage communication between bus drivers, students, and parents. Most situations can be resolved if the bus driver has been informed. The school bus cannot be detained at the bus stop. Please contact the Transportation office to resolve any issues.

My Bus Driver:

My Bus Color:

My Pick-up Time:

TSMA Transportation Department

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