



MONROE KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT BUS INFORMATION

Riding the bus for the first time can be a very stressful experience for both the parents and the students and we are here to help. All-Star Transportation drivers care about the safety of our students and are qualified to teach everyone what is involved in safely transporting them from home to school and back again.

During the first few weeks of the new school year the bus driver will focus on teaching the expectations of all those who ride the bus by going over the rules and bus behavior. This is for the benefit of all new students and as a refresher for older students. Safety is the primary concern of all of All-Star Transportation's drivers and we instruct all students that the rules are for the safe transportation of them from home to school and back comfortably. Parents please go over these rules and expectations with your children and together we can ensure that their transportation to and from school is a pleasurable and safe journey.

Pre-riding information and expectations –

1. All-Star Transportation has a video on YOUTUBE.com entitled All-Star Transportation – Kindergarten Orientation. This is a very informative nine to ten minute video for students and parents that cover bus expectations, danger zones and bus procedures.
2. It is required that a parent, guardian or other designated adult accompany the kindergarten student to and from the bus stop. Students will be returned to the school if an authorized adult is not present to receive them on their return home.
3. Be at the bus stop five to ten minutes before the bus is expected to pick up. Schedules can change and the bus could be early. Please stand at least ten feet away from the edge of the road.
4. If you have a stop where your child has to cross the road, please let the bus driver be the one in control of the situation. The bus driver will let the students know when it is safe to cross by nodding their head.
5. Please remember all of the days where the pick-up and/or drop off schedules are different. Students returning home on an early dismissal need to have their parent or authorized adult there for them to be dropped off. Nothing is more traumatic to a child than having to go back to school because they could not be dropped off.
6. All changes to bus schedules whether they are permanent or a onetime situation must be submitted through the school. If you need to cancel your child's pick up, have questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 203- 261-2691.
7. For more information regarding schedules and for bussing inquiries please use the Monroe Board of Education website – www.monroeps.org

Bus riding expectations -

1. Kindergarten students will sit in the front of the bus.
2. Everybody is to stay seated, facing forward at all times. No standing, sitting sideways, getting on your knees, or blocking the aisle.
3. Talk in moderate and reasonable tones, use indoor voices. Yelling and screaming is not allowed.
4. NO EATING or DRINKING on the bus. We transport many students and there are some with life threatening allergies.
5. Listen and follow instructions from the bus driver.
6. No hanging of anything outside of the bus.
7. No throwing of anything inside the bus or outside the bus windows.
8. No yelling out of the bus windows.
9. There is to be no moving around the bus while it is moving. Wait till the bus has stopped to get out of your seat.
10. Respect others by keeping your hands to yourself.
11. Only carry onto the bus what you can hold in your lap. Nothing can block the aisle or the windows of the bus.
12. No glass, pets, or large objects that encumber the child getting on or off the bus are permitted.