

## TRANSPORTATION

### BUS CONDUCT

While the law requires the school district to furnish transportation it does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves at the end of the day.

Once a child boards the bus --- and only at that time --- does he or she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board shall require children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with standards for behavior established by the administration.

School buses are equipped with video camera capability in order to monitor student behavior and vehicle safety concerns. Violations of the school code of conduct, as well as participation in any illegal activities, will be dealt with in accordance with applicable laws and school regulations.

### BUS TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Transportation is one of the most important and responsible services that the school provides for our children. Many factors must be taken into consideration when developing bus routes. The most important factor is to assure that the transportation system SAFELY delivers all eligible pupils to and from school.

Students eligible for bus transportation will be picked up and dropped off at their homes or at designated bus stops near their homes.

EXCEPTIONS will be considered only if they meet the following guidelines:

1. Emergency arrangements may be approved by the building principal.
2. Long-term changes must be requested in writing to the office of the Transportation Supervisor.
3. All pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are provided transportation. Grades 1-8 are required to walk if within one mile of building. Grades 9-12 are required to walk if within 1.5 miles of building.

### TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Those persons transporting students in private vehicles assume liability and any resulting costs for any accidents or injuries which may occur while transporting students to District sponsored events. Students who are transported to extra-curricular activities outside the school district and wish to return via private transportation must obtain prior approval of an administrator.

### ONE CALL NOW

Malone Central will be using the "One Call Now" messaging system to alert parents and guardians about important messages from our schools and district office, i.e. school closings, open house reminders. It is important that your contact telephone number be accurate. Please contact us at 483-7800 option 2 if you do not receive the call, if your information changes or if you would like to add other contact numbers.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

### WAITING FOR THE BUS

- Be on time
- Wait quietly away from the road
- Don't move towards the bus until the driver opens the door

### LOADING

- Use the handrail
- Don't bring large or sharp objects (must be held on lap)
- Sit down immediately

### RIDING

- Don't distract the driver
- Keep body inside the bus
- Don't bother other passengers
- Keep the aisle clear and bus clean

### UNLOADING

- Stay seated until the bus stops
- Don't carry awkward loads, use a knapsack or tote bag
- Check for traffic before you step
- Move away from the bus immediately
- Go directly home or to school building
- PK-5 students are not allowed to leave the bus until the driver has verified an adult is present at the drop-off location

### CROSSING

- Move ahead of the bus until you can see the driver and the driver can see you
- Wait for the driver's signal
- Cross in front of the bus and stop in front of the headlight to be sure all traffic is stopped. In case of danger, listen for the horn.
- If clear - cross quickly
- If not clear or if you hear the horn (danger signal) return in the direction you came from.

### EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Radio Stations WICY 1490, WMSA 1340, WSLU 90.9 FM and WVNV 96.5 will be used for announcing school closings and school delay information. WPTZ Channel 5, News 10 Now and Cable channel 30 will also carry this information during their news broadcasts. In addition, the "One Call Now" messaging system will be used.

Parents are reminded to keep their child's principal informed of the address to which their child is to be sent in the event of an emergency school closing. Telephones are not available for students to use in the event of an emergency; therefore, arrangements must be made ahead of time.