

## **Transportation**

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## Dear Amphitheater Parent or Guardian:

The Amphitheater Transportation department provides safe and efficient transportation for our students at over twenty school sites including: 3 high schools, 3 middle schools, 2 K-8 schools, 11 elementary schools and one new Innovation Academy. All students that attend Amphitheater schools will at times ride a bus, either to and from school, athletic trips, field trips, or other school functions. *To ensure the safety of all our students we ask for the support of the parents in implementing the following guidelines and making sure the students understand what is expected of them.* 

- 1. Know the route they will take to and from the bus stop
- 2. Know safety precautions and proper behavior to be maintained in route and at the bus stop
- 3. Know correct bus route number (a signed note from the parent/guardian is required to ride a different bus or to get off at a stop other than the usual stop for that student)
- 4. Know what to do if the bus is more than 15 minutes late
- 5. Carry school ID at all times

In addition, it is critical that your child ALWAYS boards and departs the bus at the correct stop as known and approved by you. Children should be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time.

Although we hope it will never be necessary for your family to be concerned with violations of bus rules, you and your child should be aware of the disciplinary procedures used to correct problems. Please take a few moments to go over some of our rules:

- 1. Always comply with the bus drivers/monitors directions.
- 2. Use your classroom voice only. (The use of profanity language is prohibited)
- 3. Remain seated with your seat belt buckled.
- 4. Keep your hands, feet and head inside the bus.
- 5. Keep unauthorized materials and substances off the bus. (Snacks, drinks, animals, glass objects, weapons, large radios)

The consequences of inappropriate behavior or actions on the bus are fully explained in the Student Code of Conduct. PLEASE NOTE: IN INCIDENTS INVOLVING MAJOR VIOLATIONS DESCRIBED IN THESTUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSIONOFRIDING PRIVILEGES MAY BE IMPOSED.

Bus stops are reviewed on an ongoing basis, mostly during the summer. Should you have any concerns about bus stop safety or wish to request a new bus stop, please visit the Amphitheater Public Schools web site at www.amphi.com and go to the Transportation link in order to download the appropriate form.

Many students ride activity buses home in the afternoon. Please note that these bus stops will be different than your students' regular bus stop.

By working together we can safeguard your child from potential hazards associated with all aspects of transportation, both on and off the bus. I hope you and your child have a productive and safe year.

Sincerely,

Norma Frye-George Director of Transportation