



Fruitport Community Schools

Transportation Department
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Dear Parent/Guardian of School Bus Riders,

The mission of the Fruitport Community Schools Transportation Department is to provide the safest, most efficient and punctual transportation service to the students of the district in a nurturing, supportive environment that enhances the education of our students. In order to provide this service we choose the best drivers and equipment within accessible resources. Although we make every effort to ensure the safety of students on the bus there are situations that require your assistance and participation. Please take time to read and review the following:

Each Year:

- > Student Transportation Information Form . This form must be completed each year so that the district has the most accurate information necessary to provide transportation services for your child(ren). This form is available on our website and must be received by June 30 of each year. Include parent and emergency contact information along with necessary medical information. Your child(ren) are allowed one pick up location and one drop off location (MF). This location must be within the elementary attendance area.
- > Bus Stop Locations and Routes. Each year bus stop locations and routes are reviewed. Changes may be made to accommodate new enrollments, safety, efficiencies, and fiscal responsibilities. Bus stop information for elementary families will be mailed before school begins. Bus stop information for high school/middle school families will be available with class schedules.

Start of Year:

- > Make sure your child knows his/her name and address, if not, write this information inside their backpack.
- > Attach bus stop information to your child's backpack. This will help district staff to get children on the correct bus at the end of the day.
- > Have your child ride the bus both to and from school as this will avoid confusion.
- > Take your child to the bus stop prior to the start of school. Travel different ways to get to and from this location as the bus may take a different direction.

Parent and Student Information:

- > Riding the bus is a privilege. Please make sure that your child(ren) understand these rules:
Sit Down, Sit Back, Put Your Hands On Your Lap, Say and Use Kind Words.
(These are just a few of the rules. Driver's will review additional rules with the children.)
- > All kindergarten children must be met by a parent/guardian at his/her designated bus stop. A parent/guardian MUST be visible and present at the designated bus stop. If no one is at the bus stop the child will be taken back to the elementary building where the parent/guardian will need to pick them up.
- > If your child is not able to arrive early to the designated bus stop location in the morning, please transport your child to school. Driving them to a different bus stop location may endanger your child or others.
- > We make every effort to ensure the safety of your child(ren) on the bus, we require your assistance and participation in order to ensure the safety of your child(ren) when walking to and from the bus stop and while at the bus stop.
- > Buses will be loaded to the manufacturer's rated seating capacity. That may mean three children per seat, please remind your child to slide over and make room for others.