

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Who determines the bus stops?

A. Bus stop locations are determined by the transportation office staff.

They review the home location of each student and then determine the best location based on requirements of state laws, school board policies and the location of the students.

Q. Will my child be picked up at home?

A. Bus stops for kindergarteners will be placed at neighborhood stop locations, which are usually the same stops that grades 1-5 use before and after school. This is done so that your child's bus stop will always be in the same location before and after school.

Q. Why is my child on the bus so long?

A. The district makes every attempt to keep the time to less than one hour per trip.

Q. If I am late to my bus stop, can I go to another one?

A. **NO**; if you are late to your bus stop, you need to take your child to school. This is for your child's safety. A student unexpectedly running up to the bus is not safe.

Q. Can my child be dropped off at the bus stop without an adult present?

A. **Yes**; we do not require an adult be present at the bus stop. Please have a plan with your child on what to do if you are not at the bus stop.

(When a parent is normally seen standing outside at the bus stop, the driver will attempt to make phone contact. If a contact is not made, the driver will return your child to the school for you to pick up.)

Q. What happens on half days of school?

A. Bus stops for kindergarteners will be placed at neighborhood stop locations, and stay that way even on ½ days.

Q. What if I have a question about my child's bus ride?

A. All questions can be answered by the Transportation Office at 248-489-3700.



KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION AND YOU



The Farmington Public Schools Transportation Department would like to welcome you and your child to an exciting new experience.

RIDING THE BUS

The ride to school can set the tone for the whole school day for your child.

Therefore, we have compiled this brochure to give you some important information about riding the bus.

This will help create the safest and most enjoyable bus ride possible for your child.

Please keep and refer to this brochure throughout the school year if you have questions about transportation.

We are available at 248-489-3700 to answer your questions. You may also find helpful information on our website:

www.farmington.k12.mi.us

SAFETY ON THE BUS

(Please review with your child)

1. Students are to follow the directions of the driver or aide.
2. Students are not allowed to change seats on the bus.
3. Students are not allowed to throw things on the bus.
4. Students must be seated and facing forward at all times.
5. Students need to keep their hands and feet to themselves.
6. Students need to keep all items in their backpack.
7. Be nice to your fellow bus riders.

SAFETY AROUND THE BUS

1. Stay a safe distance from the roadway - at least **10** giant steps.
2. No horseplay or pushing at the bus stop.
3. **Walk** to the bus when the door opens.
4. Use the handrail when using the stairs.
5. When students are required to cross the road, they need to look both ways for cars before crossing the street, at least 10 giant steps in front of the bus.

DISCIPLINE ON THE BUS

Any misbehavior on the bus may distract the driver from getting your child safely to or from home. This jeopardizes the safety of all students.

The Driver will report any unsafe behavior by using our Student Conduct Report form.

Driver will attempt to solve the problem on the bus before a conduct form is filled out. This will require the driver to talk about the problem with the child

BUS STOPS

The FPS Transportation Department determines bus stop locations. For your child's safety, we strive to keep the bus stops in the same location from year to year. This is done so that residents and motorists in the community will become familiar with where the bus stops are located and will use caution when traveling near them.

The transportation department will provide the pick-up and take home times via Parent Portal.

All students need to be at their assigned bus stop location waiting outside and not in homes or in vehicles. This is for their safety. We do not want students running to the bus.

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Please allow a 10-minute window of time before or after your scheduled time for your bus to arrive.

You will be notified if there is any change in your child's transportation schedule beyond the 10 minute window of time by either a phone call or a letter sent with your child.

Since we do not require an adult to be present at the bus stop it is important that you have an alternate plan for your child in case you cannot make it to the bus stop. Your child should know where to go in case of an emergency.

NAME TAGS

For the first week of school, your child will be provided a nametag to be placed on the outside of your child's clothing. This will help to ensure that your child gets on the correct bus and gets home safely.

DAYCARE

Due to an overwhelming number of special transportation requests for daycare needs, each child is allowed **one** pick-up and drop-off address. The pick-up address and the drop-off address may be different, but each must be consistent everyday.

Transportation can only accept daycare requests from the school. You must contact your child's school if you would like your child picked up or dropped off at a licensed daycare that is service your child's school area.

Students may not ride home with another student unless it is an emergency and a written request is authorized by the school principal

BAD WEATHER DAYS

Please send your child to school in appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Your child will be out in the elements while waiting for the bus, and they need to stay warm and dry.

Occasionally, it is necessary to cancel school due to weather conditions. When this happens, after 6:00 AM you can call our school Information Hot Line at 248-489-3337 or listen to your local radio or TV station.