

## Dieringer School District

### Bus Guidelines: Kindergarten- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Welcome to Kindergarten, and welcome back to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. We look forward to transporting the Kindergarten students for the first time, and seeing the faces of all the other students again. It is our pleasure to provide the community with the safest and most comfortable rides to school possible. To do this, we need your help. To accomplish these goals, we have put together a few guidelines that need to be followed and taught to the Kindergarteners and reviewed by all other student riders. A complete set of bus rules are in the Student Handbook.

- *A parent/relative needs to accompany your child to and from the bus stop. (K-3)*
- *If an older sibling rides the bus with a kindergartener thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, they may have permission to accompany them to and from the bus stop.*
- *Written permission can be given to allow your child to get off the bus alone, and walk to the door. (This is Not Recommended)*
- *Younger siblings cannot ride with you on field trips. Only children enrolled in school may ride the bus.*
- *If a student needs to get off the bus at a different bus stop, please send written notes, one for the bus driver, and one for the teacher, indicating where the driver is authorized to deliver the student. Please sign and date these notes.*
- *We CANNOT let students off the bus at any other stop than there scheduled stop without permission. This policy is strictly enforced.*
- *Safety is our number one priority.*

The school has two scheduled half days, which are called early release days (the day before Thanksgiving and the last day of school). The elementary schools also have Ace time on Fridays (2-hour early dismissal). On these days the following bus schedule changes apply:

- *Ace Friday scheduled dismissal times are: 1:00 PM for DHES and 1:15 PM for LTES.*
- *Early release days (half day) dismissal times for elementary schools are 11:30 AM at LTES and 11:45 AM at DHES. All students will be dropped at their regular bus stops.*

In order to keep everyone safe, the following items are not allowed on the bus:

- *Anything made of glass.*
- *Animals, reptiles, insects, or any living creatures that could potentially get loose on the bus. When in doubt, please call the Transportation Department for clarification.*
- *Baseball bats, sticks, skateboards, radios, TV's, cell phones, video games, and any large items.*

- *Toys or any other items for show and tell should be kept in your backpack.*

You will need to make your own transportation arrangements if your child needs to bring any of the above items to school.

Transportation registration forms can be found in the registration packets. Please fill these out and return them to your school. The transportation registration form is our main source of information and we need this information to work-up our bus routes.

- *It is very important for the drop-off/daycare to be filled out before school starts.*
- *The forms need to be updated as soon as you are aware of any changes in your drop-off/daycare arrangements. A change in your drop-off/daycare could greatly change bus routes.*
- *Occasionally we need to change bus routes during the school year, but we try to avoid changes if at all possible.*
- *It is possible that your child's bus driver could change within the first 30 days of school.*

We truly appreciate your help; if you have any questions, please feel free to call us. We look forward to having a safe and enjoyable school bus riding experience throughout the year.

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