

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Transportation Information 332-8933

RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

Transportation is provided for all primary through high school students living one mile or more from the Blaine Campus or east of SR 243 (the Truck Route). In addition to regular to-and-from school transportation, the district provides for field trips, special needs, extra-curricular and co-curricular event transportation. The district has an excellent school bus fleet and a wonderful staff of caring and professional drivers who provide safe pupil transportation for your children. Safe transportation is a shared responsibility through the transportation department, the parent, and the student.

The student's part is to obey the bus rules and demonstrate an acceptable and safe behavior at the bus loading zone and while riding the bus. The parents' part is to be aware and supportive of the bus rules to help make their children aware of the importance of safe behavior while waiting for and riding the school bus. The bus driver is in full charge of the bus and the students. School bus transportation is a privilege that may be denied any student who fails to demonstrate acceptable behavior. Appropriate discipline action will be taken by the school principal or vice principal.

Prior arrangements must be made through the school office if a child is to be transported to a destination other than his or her regular bus stop, if parents will be transporting the child on a temporary or permanent basis, or if a child is taking a guest home. No changes in bus ridership will be allowed without a bus pass.

Know and obey the traffic laws regarding school buses loading and off-loading children. ALWAYS stop when the red lights on

a school bus are flashing ... your child may be the one about to step out behind the school bus.

CROSSWALK SUPERVISION SCHEDULE

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us in the Blaine School District. To help students cross some of our busy streets in the morning and afternoon, the district has placed adult crossing guards at the following locations:

In the morning from 7:45 am to 8:15 am:

Corner of Boblett and Mitchell streets and the corner of Mitchell and H streets.

In the afternoon from 2:50 pm to 3:05 pm:

Corner of Boblett and Mitchell streets and the corner of Mitchell and H streets and at the north end of the elementary school crossing Mitchell Street.

These crossing guards are there to help your child safely cross the street. We ask for your help in stressing to your child(ren) the importance of using these crosswalks **only** so that all students arrive at school or home safely. If you are walking with your child, please model the correct crosswalks to use so that we can all reinforce the importance and ease of being safe.

TIPS TO REMEMBER:

1. Plan a safe walking route to school or to the bus stop for your child.
2. Walk well off the roadway when possible and always facing oncoming traffic. Wait for the school bus well behind the fog line and always off the road.
3. Cross only at an intersection where there are crosswalks with good visibility in both directions.
4. When possible, use crosswalks designated as "school crosswalks" with flashing school zone lights.

5. Practice safe bicycle ridership and know the traffic rules for riding a bicycle.
6. Walk your bike across the crosswalk.
7. Remember that your community and the traffic in it is constantly growing.
8. Wear light or reflective clothing during the hours of darkness.

School Bus Rules

Students must follow these rules at all times:

1. The Bus Driver May Assign Seats
2. Be Courteous; DO NOT USE Profanity
3. DO NOT Destroy Property
4. DO NOT Eat or Drink on Bus
5. Keep the Bus Clean
6. Violence is Prohibited
7. Remain Seated
8. DO NOT SMOKE
9. Keep Hands and Feet Inside the Bus
10. For YOUR Own Safety, DO NOT Distract the Driver Through Misbehavior.

Misbehavior on Bus: Penalty at discretion of principal depending on circumstances (may include removal from bus for 1-10 days or permanent removal from bus by a formal hearing). Serious misbehavior on the bus may also be cause for punishment up to and including suspension or expulsion from school.