



## Transportation Services

Dear Kindergarten Parent/Guardian,

The beginning of school is an exciting time for a child. There are many new things to learn and remember. The Transportation Department for South Washington County Schools would like to make your child's ride to and from school as safe as possible. The following information should help both you and our department in the planning of your transportation needs for the coming year.

The school district transports all elementary students living more than a mile from school. Maps of the areas for your child's home school will be on file at that elementary.

Regular stops are established based on the student's residence. However, parents may request that the stop be near their daycare. The daycare must be in the attendance area of the school your child is attending. During the school year, requests to change a daycare will be considered only if the change is permanent. The request for such a change must be received in the Transportation Department at least 5 working days in advance of the requested change. At no time will a student be allowed to be picked up or dropped off at home one day and at the daycare another day. The pick up and drop off schedule must be consistent. Alternating from one stop to another has caused students to become lost & confused. The following are examples of acceptable transportation schedules:

- 1) Pick up at home - drop off at home
- 2) Pick up at daycare - drop off at daycare
- 3) Pick up at home - drop off at daycare
- 4) Pick up at daycare - drop off at home

**All changes must be approved and made by the Transportation Department. A change will take place only after confirmation is made with a parent/guardian. Bus drivers are NOT authorized to make route changes.**

Usually stops are within 1-2 blocks of home and/or daycare. **We do not make house stops in suburban areas.**

An adult should be with kindergarten students at their stop the first few weeks of school, as students may need assistance in familiarizing themselves with their route to and from the bus stop. Transportation will be providing information on bus safety and student conduct procedures within the first 3 weeks of school. Information is also available on the district web site. It is very important that you review this information with your child.

The students should wear name tags the first month of school. These should be clearly visible to the driver and have the following information: name, address, route & stop information, phone number of where the child is going after school, and a parent work phone. Please have a second copy in your child's backpack.

Please call 651-425-5303 for further information. Thank you.

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