

Student Transportation Information & Guidelines

Bus transportation is a privilege that can be lost if behavior is unacceptable on the bus or at the bus stop. (*MN Statute 123.B*)

Please review these guidelines to ensure safe transportation for all eligible students. Please read carefully as important changes have been made to the transportation policy. Aksamit Transportation will make a reasonable effort to accommodate transportation request in a timely fashion once received.

Bus Stop Assignment: For reasons of safety and security, it is preferred students have only ONE designated bus stop in the morning and ONE designated bus stop in the afternoon when possible unless prior authorization is granted by Aksamit Transportation. We understand that multiple pick-up or drop-off spots are sometimes warranted based on family's needs and we will do our best to accommodate these requests on a case by case basis.

Bus Stop Changes: Aksamit Transportation must be notified of any proposed changes to a student's bus riding assignment or bus stop assignment. Bus drivers are not allowed to make changes to the bus stop location or the pick-up time. Bus stop change requests must be made directly to Aksamit Transportation and changes need to be made at least 3 business days in advance.

Emergency Change Requests: All temporary changes in a student's assigned bus or designated bus stop need to be made through Aksamit Transportation, and will be approved only in cases of family emergency. Due to regulations on capacity loads, students are not allowed to change bus assignments or bus stops to attend social events, lessons, jobs, parties or other non-emergency activities.

Daycare/Alternative Location: All students in daycare or that have an alternative pick-up/drop-off location are required to notify the school and Aksamit Transportation. This information is used to assign bus stops and for notification in case of an emergency.

Bus Stop Behavior: We strongly urge parents and daycare providers to supervise students at the bus stops. Unsupervised students are the cause of many bus stop problems and complaints.

Bus Safety and Discipline: School District policy on bus safety and handbooks are available. The policy, rules and guidelines are reviewed with students during school bus safety each year.

Bus Scheduling: Students should be at their assigned bus stops at least five minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of their buses. It is not unusual for buses to be running late the first couple weeks of school. This time lag is usually self-correcting shortly after the start of school. Buses may also run late due to rain, snow, ice, fog or traffic conditions. If a bus is running late, the bus will complete the route nonetheless and stop at every stop. Thank you for your patience in these situations.

Please call the bus garage at 320-594-8228 by 6:00 A.M. if your child is not riding the bus. Failure to notify Aksamit Transportation could result in service delays.