

REDBANK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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To: Parents/Guardians
From: Michael A. Drzewiecki, Superintendent
Re: District Bus Regulations

In an ongoing effort to provide the safest transportation possible for your child/children, please note the following Redbank Valley School District bus regulations.

1. **Beginning of Year Bus Changes** – If a bus change is requested, the parent/guardian must fill out a Bussing Request Form and arrangements will be made to honor the request as soon as possible after school begins. Until the change goes into effect, the parent/guardian must provide transportation or make other arrangements.
2. **Bus Requests** – Students will be assigned one morning bus and one afternoon bus to provide daily transportation to and from school. The District does not accept requests to allow students to switch busses on different days of the week, unless an emergency arises. Because of the large number of students transported by the District and safe schools concerns, requests such as the following will **NOT** be honored: One bus on Monday, Wednesday and Friday pick-up/drop-off and another bus for Tuesday and Thursday pick-up/drop off. An exception will be permitted for court defined guardianship requiring student alternate residence during the school week. It is your responsibility to make arrangements for pick-up or drop-off of your child when you do not want him/her to ride their assigned bus.
3. **Bus Passes** – Due to bus safety regulations, minimal changes will occur in daily bus transportation. In **extenuating circumstances**, a Bus Pass Request will be considered for Principal approval. The Bus Pass Request Form is obtained through the Principal's Office and must be submitted to the school office for approval. Extenuating circumstances **DO NOT** include travel to the home of a friend. If a permanent bus change is necessary, please contact the school and request a Bussing Request Form.
4. **Kindergarten Student Bus Stops** – A parent/guardian **MUST** be at the bus stop for drop off of all kindergarten students. If no one is at the bus stop, the following will occur: the kindergarten student will be returned to his/her school, taken to the bus garage or transported to the local police station for parent/guardian pick-up. Parents/guardians may wish to waive the adult bus stop drop-off for kindergarten students. Please contact your Principal in order to provide the necessary written documentation.

Attached are bus safety rules and responsibilities. Please review them with your child/children.

BUS SAFETY RULES

State Law provides that all busses must carry an accurate listing of the students that are transported on the bus. An orderly bus ride allows the driver to track ridership and provide a safe ride to school. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to reinforce bus safety rules and stress the importance of your child remaining in his/her assigned seat at all times. Refer to the Parent/Student Handbook that your child will receive the first day of school to learn more about expected bus behavior.

Listed below are the responsibilities of the students on the bus.

1. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes prior to the expected arrival of the bus. The driver is responsible for the maintenance of the schedule and cannot wait for pupils who are late. Please understand that the bus times may have to be adjusted throughout the year due to unforeseen circumstances, such as construction, addition/deletion of students, etc.
2. Display good behavior at the bus stop. Do not push or shove students.
3. Cross the road after the driver signals.
4. Sit in the seat that is assigned by the driver.
5. Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion and as directed by the driver.
6. Keep arms, head, and all objects inside the bus at all times.
7. Use school-appropriate language. Vulgar or abusive language is not permitted.
8. Eating and/or drinking are not permitted on the bus.
9. Fighting, serious arguing, threatening, excessive mischief, pushing and shoving are all behaviors prohibited on the bus and are subject to serious consequences.
10. Unwanted illegal items are prohibited on the school bus.
11. Compensation for any damage to the school bus is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
12. While on the school bus, follow the directions of the school bus driver.