



Dear Parent/Guardian:

- ✓ All bus routes for the 2024-2025 will continue to be under construction this summer and will be revamped for safety and efficiency. Please read through this letter thoroughly and if any questions arise, please make note, and contact us via bmazzella@ridesta.com / ldimatteo@ridesta.com.

We will provide transportation within the following PA State School Bus Transportation Guidelines:

Springfield High School Students – 1.5 miles or more from Springfield High School according to STA routing software and GPS Mapping.

ETR Middle School Students – 1 mile or more from ETR according to STA routing software and GPS Mapping.

Sabold and Scenic Elementary Students – 1 mile or more from either Scenic or Sabold Elementary according to STA routing software and GPS Mapping.

SLC Elementary (Gr 1) Students- 1 mile or more from the SLC according to STA routing software & GPS Mapping

SLC, Sabold, and Scenic runs will be combined again this Fall. Meaning those **hose** students from all Elementary & SLC 1st Grade programs will ride together.

PA law allows a school district to ask a child, regardless of age, to walk up to a mile and a half to a bus stop. The mile and a half are measured by public roads and do not include any private lanes, driveways, or walkways of the child's residence.

**** We DO NOT Transport Kindergarten****

All stops will be corner stops unless the student has a transportation IEP that needs door-to-door, or you live on a hazardous roadway in accordance with the state, township, or school district. Any requested changes will require a 3-to-5-day processing time. Please be patient.

We are proud of the safety record of our school buses and the professionalism of our transportation team.

Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

- Provide your child with a backpack or book bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children get off the bus.
- Check your child's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items. Long drawstrings or other dangling items could get snagged in the bus door as the child gets off the bus and should be removed from clothing.
- Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop **10 minutes early each day, especially in the beginning of the year as we are determining traffic patterns**. Additionally, children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it or run into the road. Please arrive early and be ready for pickup.
- Insist that your child waits for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway. Remain on the sidewalk until the bus has made a complete stop. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.
- When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in single file.
- Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school and remain seated, facing forward. Behavior problems could distract the bus driver and result in an accident.

It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. If anything makes your child feel unsafe at the bus stop or on the bus ride, please contact us at the transportation department, rather than trying to discuss it at the bus stop.

In case of a delay and/or closing due to inclement weather please understand traffic and delays.

We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children.

Thank you,

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2024-2025 BUS Information

From time-to-time it is useful to review basic rules for cooperation and safe travel by the school bus. We ask that parents review these rules with their children at the start of the school year, and periodically thereafter. They are intended to contribute to the safety and wellbeing of all passengers.

1. Students must be ready to board the bus **FIVE MINUTES** (10 minutes the first couple of weeks as we iron out any issues) before their scheduled departure time. The bus driver will not leave a departure point before the arranged scheduled time; however, they cannot wait for children who are not ready to leave on schedule.
2. 1st grade children's parents or school approved guardian **MUST** be physically seen and acknowledged on the bus route, or the driver will **NOT** allow the child to exit the bus and will return them back to the school.
3. Students are asked to wait for the bus at a safe distance until it has come to a complete stop before approaching it. Stay on the sidewalk and at minimum 10 feet away from the bus until it has made a complete stop. Please board in single file without pushing or shoving. As a courtesy, please allow younger children to board first. Sit down quickly and always remain seated while the bus is in motion.
4. Students will be picked up and dropped off only at their scheduled stop. They will not be allowed to get on the bus, nor off the bus at any alternate location without prior formal arrangements with the school office. Approval is required.
5. Any changes to addresses must be reported to the office of the school they are attending; they will notify the transportation office. *Note: The driver does not have authority to change the bus route, nor can the driver change any of the bus stops without prior approval from the transportation office.*
6. When getting off the bus, students should anticipate their stop and have all belongings ready. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before rising from their seats and leave in an orderly fashion.
7. The school bus is an extension of the school. Students are expected to behave on the bus the same as they would in their classroom. They must obey their driver promptly and respectfully. Yelling, shouting, or whistling is not allowed as it distracts the driver's attention from the road, vehicle horns, etc. Quiet talk is allowed.
8. Heads and arms must not protrude out of open windows. Throwing any items out of the bus is prohibited and could result in suspension from the bus.

9. Eating food on the bus of any kind, including snacks and gum, is NOT ALLOWED. This is to prevent possible choking and/or allergic reactions. Keep buses clean and sanitary for the benefit of all passengers.

10. The following items cannot be transported on the bus: animals, objects larger than what a student can hold in lap, glass or breakable items, balloons, weapons of any type, laser pointers, or any other dangerous item.

11. Students who misbehave will be reported to the Transportation Terminal Manager, consequently to the school principal, and their parents. Repeated misbehavior or disrespect may result in suspension from the school bus. Students who show unsafe bus riding manners will not be transported.

Please contact your school office should a behavioral concern arise during the duration of the upcoming school year.

Any transportation requests must be submitted by Email to Bmazzella@ridesta.com or Ldimatteo@ridesta.com

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