

Special School Bus Route Information

When will services begin?

- Services will begin as outlined in the IEP. Please review your copy of the ARD committee proceedings for your information.
- If further information is required, please call the transportation department.

Is special transportation provided for all students receiving special education services?

- No. Each student's need for transportation as a related service and the type of transportation to be provided are issues to be discussed and decided during the evaluation process and the ARD meeting. The transportation arrangements agreed upon should be included in the student's IEP.
- If a public agency determines that a student with disabilities needs transportation to benefit from special education, it must be provided as a related service at no cost to the student or his/her parents.

What if a student is picked up and dropped off at an address other than his/her home?

- Bus routes can only allow one address for the pick up and one address for the drop off, five days a week.
- One-day changes cannot be made.
- Try to keep the child care address close to home.

What if your child's equipment changes?

- A bus change may be necessary.
- Contact the transportation department as

Questions and Concerns

If parents have additional questions or concerns about special education transportation, they may call the school office, transportation department or special education department.



Lamar County SSA North Lamar ISD

Resource List

Contacts

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Parent Information



For Students Receiving Transportation as a Related Service



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Parents:

An admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee has determined that your child requires special transportation consideration. This transportation is provided as a related service as identified in Title 34 CFR 300.16. Justification for this service was outlined in the ARD committee meeting held at your child's

Parent Responsibilities

What are the parent's responsibilities?

- Have your child fully clothed, toileted, and ready at the bus stop five minutes before pick up time.
- Accompany your child to the curb.
- Notify the school when your child will not be transported for extended periods of time.
- Notify the school in advance if your address, phone number, or child care arrangements change.

What is the parent's responsibility at drop off time?

- Be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to drop off your child.
- Meet your child at the curb so that the driver can make custodial transfer of your child to you or another responsible person.
- Students who are not met will be returned to school.

How can a parent help to make the school bus safe?

- Teach your child the school bus safety rules and appropriate bus riding behavior.

Student Behavior

What behavior is expected of a student while riding the school bus?

- We expect all students to follow the bus safety rules for the safety of your child and others who ride the bus

The School Bus Safety Rules are:

1. **Be on time**
2. **Always sit down**
3. **No eating or drinking**
4. **No fighting**
5. **Be quiet**
6. **Listen to driver and attendant**

How will discipline problems be handled?

- Bus behavior problems are reported to the school by the bus driver or attendant.
- The principal's office decides what the disciplinary action will be such as:
 - detention
 - suspension from school
 - suspension of bus riding privileges
 - parent conference to enforce safe behavior on the bus

School Bus Driver Responsibilities

What are the school bus driver's responsibilities?

- School bus drivers are professional drivers with special training and commercial driver's licenses.
- They work directly for the school district.
- They are responsible for driving the bus safely, transporting the students, and staying on time.
- If there is not a bus attendant, the driver performs the attendant's duties.

Bus Attendant Responsibilities

What are the school bus attendant's responsibilities?

- School bus attendants work with the drivers to be sure all the students are safe on the bus.
- They secure seat belts, wheelchairs, necessary supports, etc.
- Attendants maintain discipline, see that students stay in their seats, and report problems to the schools
- They seek emergency medical help when needed.
- Bus attendants are provided where they are most needed.

Can a bus attendant come to the door to pickup and drop-off a student?

- Duties of the attendants may be described in the student's IEP.
- Attendants work with students in and around the bus.