

IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN, PLEASE READ AND DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

**WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRANSPORTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS
INFORMATION FOR AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS
REGARDING PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

1. The school bus is a classroom on wheels. The driver is in charge of the school bus in the same manner as a teacher is in charge of a classroom. Students should act on a school bus as they would in a classroom.
2. To maintain the successful operation of the entire system, **parents should have their children at the regular bus stop on time and insist upon proper conduct while waiting and riding the bus.** All articles such as books, papers, balls, etc., should be transported in some type of bag or container.
3. 3. Students are expected to carry **BUS PASSES** at all times. **Failure to produce a Bus Pass upon request could result in denial of bus transportation privileges until Bus Pass is produced/replaced.**
4. Our schools transportation system is for students enrolled in and attending schools we service. Please do not ask that we transport the children of friends or relatives who may be visiting our schools on a temporary basis.
5. Elementary and Junior High School students are not permitted to ride a school bus other than the one to which they have been assigned. **Changing buses for non-school activities, appointments, or to visit friends cannot be permitted.** This ruling may be waived in the case of EMERGENCIES only if the following conditions have been met.
 - A. Clearance with a school official (Principal/Designee)
 - B. Written notice to the bus driver from the school official
6. High School students may ride a bus other than the one to which they have been assigned for the purpose of going to an "after school" job only if the following conditions have been met:
 - A. Written permission from a school official has been presented to the bus driver.
 - B. The bus driver has ascertained that the bus has sufficient seating room to accommodate such students
7. Elementary school students may be released from their ASSIGNED bus at a stop other than their regular stop only if a note to this effect, signed by the parents, and initialed by the principal or the principal's designee is presented to the bus driver by the student when boarding the bus after School
8. Elementary school students who do not have parental permission either to stay for after school activities or to be transported by another vehicle, will be put on their regular school bus for home.

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9. In order to promote student safety and to provide appropriate supervision, parents of younger students, particularly kindergarten levels, are encouraged to accompany their children both to and from the bus stop. Occasionally, unexpected delays may occur and buses may run late. Students should know what to do in the event their bus does not arrive at the stop within twenty (20) minutes of normal pickup time. Parents must decide what instructions are appropriate for their child; ie., return to the home, go to a neighbor's house, continue to wait at the stop, etc. Regardless of the length of the delay, every attempt will be made to insure that a bus will service the route.
10. A copy of the Code of Behavior - School Buses will be posted in the **WARWICK BEACON** and the **PROVIDENCE JOURNAL** prior to the opening of school each year. The Code of Behavior will also be posted in every school serviced by our buses.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS TO MAKE THEMSELVES AWARE OF THESE SPECIFIC INFRACTIONS WHICH COULD RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF A STUDENT'S BUS PRIVILEGE OR SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL.

Attached to this notice is a copy of the CODE OF BEHAVIOR - SCHOOL BUSES.

Dear Parent :

After reviewing this information with your child, please complete the form below and forward to your child's principal.

I HAVE REVIEWED THE BUSING RULES AND CODE OF BEHAVIOR WITH MY CHILD.

NAME OF PARENT _____

NAME OF CHILD _____

DATE _____
