

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

Beach Transportation and MCPS want to welcome everyone to the new school year. If you need transportation for your child we can help. The district has established walking boundaries and busing boundaries. If you are in the busing boundary, **your bus stop has already been established based on your home address.** You can find your bus stop by simply logging onto the districts website www.mcpsmt.org then click on student services and bus schedules. You can also tab on I WANT TO: View Bus Schedules, Stops & Locations.

Please remember, if you have arranged for your child to be dropped off at an alternate address and this address is located outside the school attendance boundary, transportation will not be provided. This may include Day Care, Grandma's House, YMCA, etc. For all other bus stop inquiries, please feel free to contact Beach Transportation.

Kindergarten bus riders will be required to wear a bus identification tag that is issued by the school. This tag identifies the child's name, grade and busing information. Together, the school and parents will confirm that all of the busing information on the name tag is correct. The school will issue the tag, once this information has been verified. Please make sure that your child carries this tag every day and that the tag is visible at all times (backpack) so the driver can easily read the information. **Kindergarten students will be sent back into the school if they do not have a bus tag.**

MCPS and Beach Transportation's number one priority is the safety of all students. We look forward to the opportunity to serve your children and provide a safe ride each and every day. Here are a few tips for parents that will ensure the safety of your child.

1. Make sure that your child gets on and off the bus at their assigned school bus stop.
2. Elementary schools will help get your child on the correct bus in the afternoon.
3. **Make sure your child knows their name, address, bus number or bus animal identifier (sticker) and their school bus stop location. Teach them how to identify their bus stop when they return home on the bus.**
4. Parents must assume the responsibility for their child's safety to and from the bus stop, and behavior while riding the bus. Parental supervision at the bus stop is recommended both in the morning and afternoon. We suggest that you be at the bus stop at least 5 to 10 minutes early with your child. In the afternoon, meeting your child at the bus stop will assure that they get off at the correct location and home safely. **If you have a kindergarten student, it is required that a parent or responsible person meet the bus.** If supervision is not present at the drop off location, or if a child seems confused about their bus stop, the driver may elect to return your child back to the school and you will have to make arrangements for pick up.

5. Children must present the bus driver a written note signed by the parent, in order to go home with a friend.

Please make sure your child's contact information at school is up-to-date at all times. This will be helpful in the event of an emergency.

Beach Transportation has set the standard for excellence in student transportation for over 75 years! We work tirelessly to ensure the peace of mind of those who entrusted their children to us. We look forward to working with you and your children!

School Bus Conduct and Discipline

The safety and welfare of riders and of people near school buses demand good conduct from school bus riders. The school bus is an extension of the school; classroom behavior is expected.

Parents and guardians should understand that students who ride school buses must obey all laws, rules and regulations governing student transportation; students who do not follow them may have their school bus riding privileges suspended or terminated.

School bus drivers have the authority to assign seats if they feel that it is appropriate to do so.

Bus drivers are required to report misbehavior on school buses to school officials, who will notify parents. Such reports will result in one of several recommendations. They are:

1st offence: notice sent home.

2nd offence: student denied bus privilege for 3 days.

3rd offence: student denied bus privilege for 2 weeks.

4th offence student denied bus privilege for the remainder of the school year.

Belligerent misconduct: immediate suspension of school bus riding privileges following a conference with school officials.

School officials may impose additional sanctions for the misbehavior of children on school buses.

Parents may be expected to pay for any malicious damage or vandalism done by their children to a bus. Students who cause such damages may have their school bus riding privileges suspended if the driver and school principal deem it necessary.



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