

Crestview Local School District

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Message from the Superintendent

Although all of this information points to the efficiency of our bus drivers and transportation staff, safety is our number one concern for transporting students. As you can see from the numbers of students being transported, our busses are operating at, or near capacity. To provide for the safety of our students, we expect all students riding the bus will comply with the rules outlined in the student handbook. In addition, we also expect the cooperation of parents to assure that bus stops are consistent and are not changed frequently. Parents/Guardians, childcare providers and the general public must be aware that the safety of students can be compromised when bus routes and stops are constantly changed. Effective immediately, the following procedures and guidelines will be in place. The Crestview Transportation Department will assume that students who are eligible to receive transportation will be picked up and dropped off at their place of residence or their current pick-up/drop-off location. Parents/Guardians may request an alternate bus stop on a **permanent basis**, provided the following conditions are met:

- The alternate location is requested for five days per week for the entire school year.
- The request does not involve making significant alterations to or the rerouting of existing bus routes.
- The request is received in writing on the appropriate form at least one week prior to the effective date.
- All of the necessary information on the form is provided to the transportation department. Forms may be obtained in the school office, the bus garage or on the Crestview Local website.

Requests for an alternate pick-up or drop-off point on a **temporary basis (one day)** will be granted if the following conditions are met:

- The request is for one day only and is made as a result of an emergency or urgent extenuating circumstance when the parent/guardian or childcare provider is absent and alternative arrangements must be made for the safety and welfare of the child. Transporting students to recreational activities such as birthday parties, slumber parties, etc. does not constitute an emergency or urgent situation.
- There is space available for the child to ride the bus.
- The request is received within 24 hours of the effective date.
- All of the information is provided in writing to the school office.

Parents wishing to transport their child by **private vehicle on a temporary basis** may still make arrangements to do this by providing a note in writing with all of the appropriate information to the building principal. **Phone calls to the school with transportation changes will not be accepted.**

These policies and guidelines will be enacted immediately to provide for the safety and welfare of all of our students who are transported by school bus. Thank you for your cooperation!

John Dilling