



TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

A goal of RPS is to ensure the safety of your student to and from school, while utilizing the school bus, and to get them to school ready to learn. Part of this procedure calls for assistance from you to help ensure your student will have a safe and successful ride to and from school.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities for Transportation Safety

- Update student's contact information with the school (addresses, emergency numbers, etc.).
- Understand how to request temporary (emergency) changes to bus stop.
- Advise student, if bus leaves school without them, to go immediately to the office.
- Remember, the bus is an extension of the classroom and the same rules apply for the bus
- Understand and support RPS policies and procedures concerning transportation and school bus safety.
- Ensure your student understands the same RPS policies and procedures and encourage them to comply.
- Promptly communicate safety concerns to school administrators and/or transportation personnel.
- Avoid conversations that may distract a school bus driver during loading and unloading.
- Acknowledge and support the authority of the school bus driver and his/her reasonable efforts to ensure safety, good order and discipline.
- Be aware of the dangers involved in and around loading/unloading zones (bus stops), including the dangers of loose clothing, clothing accessories, backpack straps and other loose personal items.
- Understand students may be disciplined for inappropriate behavior at or near a bus stop or on the bus.
- Ensure bus stop locations are understood and bus driver has necessary student information (Bus Pass).
- Ensure that students arrive at the bus stop no less than five minutes before a scheduled pick-up time.
- Provide for security, safety and any necessary supervision of your student prior to loading and after unloading from a school bus.
- Ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather and season.
- Know that students (K-12) are picked up and delivered to designated bus stops only.
- Know that a driver is not required or expected to wait for students not at their stop in the morning.
- Know that a driver is not required or expected to wait for parents to receive students in the afternoon.

For more RPS bus safety information, please visit RPS transportation website:
http://rolla.k12.mo.us/district/departments_programs/transportation/bus_safety/