



Caring for students today, tomorrow, together.®

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Parent/Guardian:

BUS SERVICE is provided for most students who attend schools in the Collinsville School District at no cost. Your child can identify his/her bus by locating the route number displayed on the front, side, and rear of each bus. Route numbers will always remain the same, but buses may change. If a bus fails to arrive or make a scheduled stop, please call the dispatcher at First Student at 346-8605. During the morning hours, the dispatcher is the only person who can answer your questions.

Some bus runs are three to five miles long and require 20 to 30 minutes to reach school. To cover this distance as quickly as possible, only a limited number of stops can be made. Bus routes are already established and only changed with the approval of the district or bus supervisors. Therefore, the bus cannot stop at every house or at every intersection. Some students may be required to walk up to 1½ miles to reach a bus stop. Typically, Collinsville buses stop within 1½ miles of nearly every student's home. Please note that by law, no student is permitted to cross a four-lane highway to board a school bus. Bus drivers are instructed not to pick up students who violate this rule.

Bus drivers are responsible for the safety of all students on their buses and will not be required to transport any individual who is a disciplinary problem. If a student's behavior is not acceptable, the privilege of riding the bus will be withdrawn and it then becomes the responsibility of the parent to transport the student. School bus riders, while in transit, are under the jurisdiction of the school bus driver.

All students must follow the District's School Bus Safety Guidelines. Gross disobedience or misconduct provides grounds for suspension from riding the school bus. This includes the following:

1. Prohibited student conduct as defined in the Student Discipline policy.
2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
4. Repeated use of profanity.
5. Repeated willful disobedience of the bus driver's or other supervisor's directives.
6. Such other behavior as the administration deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or its occupants.

Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

Video cameras may be used on school buses as necessary in order to monitor conduct and maintain a safe environment of students and employees. The content of the videotapes are student records and are subject to district policy and procedure concerning school student records. Only those people with a legitimate educational or administrative purpose may view the videotapes. In most instances, individuals with a legitimate educational or administrative purpose will be the superintendent, building principal, transportation director, bus driver, sponsors, coaches, or other supervisors.

Parents, please review the bus rules and regulations with your student. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and enjoyable year.