



Centennial School District - Transportation Department KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION

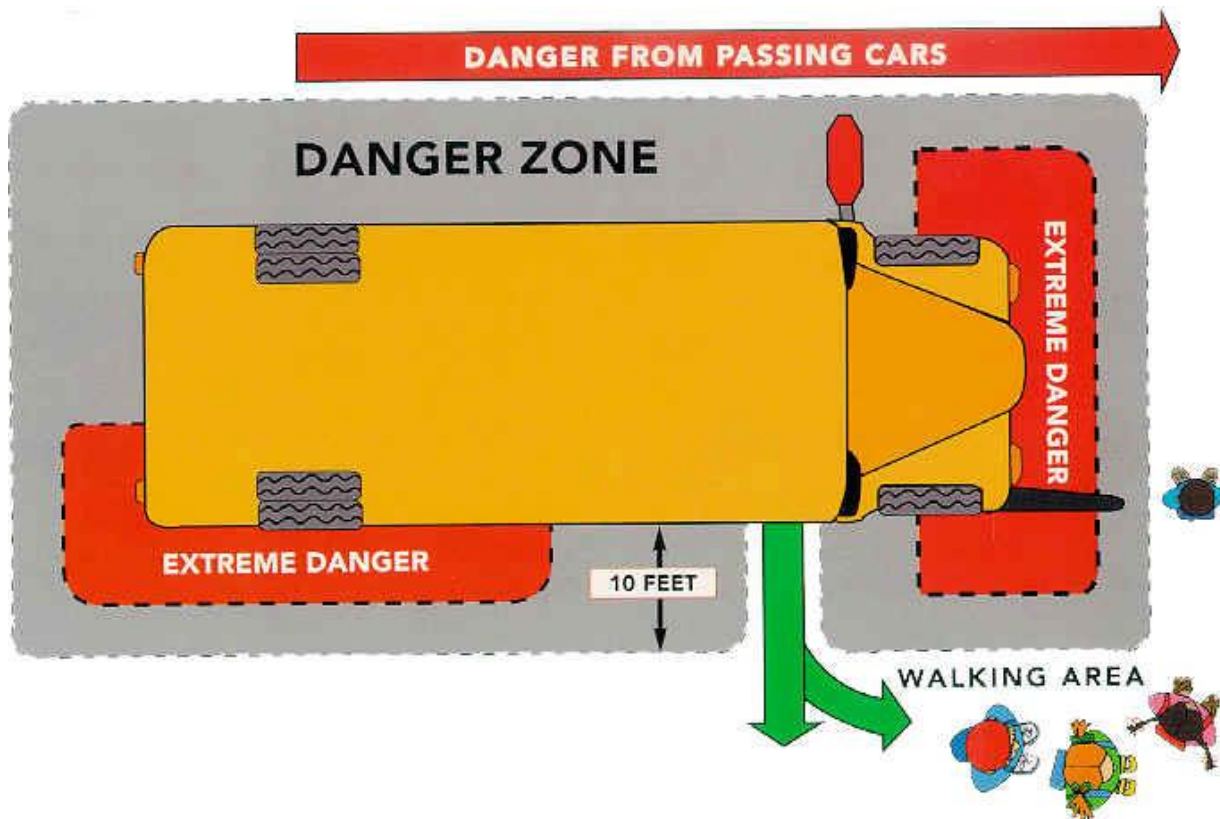
The goal of the Centennial Transportation Department is to provide safe and efficient transportation for all persons riding Centennial School Buses.

The following guidelines will help make riding the bus for your student a safe and positive experience.

- Backpacks provide a secure place for papers, books and show and tell items going to school and home. Please be sure the size of your student's backpack allows free movement down the aisle and that they can be carried on their lap during the ride to and from school.
- Items not allowed on school buses are: glass, plants, bugs/animals, inflated balloons, or any other items that would be considered hazardous.
- Going To School: Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled bus arrival time. Adults should remain with students at the bus stop until they board the bus. Parents/students who are late to a bus stop and miss the bus should not try to chase down the bus to catch it. If your child misses the bus, please take your child directly to school.
- Returning From School: Kindergarten students **MUST BE MET** at the bus stop by the parent/guardian (or other responsible person). The person meeting the bus must be clearly visible by the driver at the bus stop. Seeing you through the window of a nearby house does not qualify as meeting the bus. For safety reasons students that are not met at the bus stop will be returned to school. It is the parent's responsibility to pick up unmet students at the school. Please call the school if an emergency occurs and you cannot meet the bus. If there is an older sibling riding home on the same bus, the parent/guardian may give permission for the older sibling to be the one meeting the kindergarten student by completing the "Sibling Meeting Kindergartener" form (available upon request) and returning it to the Transportation Department.
- Notes signed by the parent or school staff are required when students ride a different bus or get off at an alternate existing bus stop.
- Kindergarten students sit in the front of the bus. If they experience a problem of any kind they should report it **immediately** to the bus driver, principal, or teacher.

- Parents are encouraged to review bus rules with their student, impressing the importance of sitting "seat to seat", "back to back", staying out of the "danger zone" (see below), following the rules, and being respectful.
- Parents may cross with their students at the bus stop but the student and parent need to wait for the bus driver to check traffic and signal the student when it is safe to cross in front of the bus.
- Students may be required to ride different buses to and from school.
- During the first few days of school the bus may be late as extra time is spent teaching students how to cross the street in front of the bus and reviewing bus rules. Please have patience during this time.

We look forward to transporting your "precious cargo" and having their first experience with the School Bus be a positive and rewarding one. If you have any questions please give us a call at 503 762-3674.





Centennial School District Transportation Department Bus Riding Rules

We believe that all students should be taught appropriate school bus behavior and riding rules in accordance with Positive Behavior Intervention Support. Drivers will take positive and proactive steps to promote safe, respectful, and responsible behavior. To help ensure a safe ride each student should be familiar with the bus riding rules, behavior expectations, and consequences for infractions. We ask you to review the following rules and information with your child to help us establish expectations and appropriate behavior.

RULES GOVERNING PUPILS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES (Oregon Department of Education)

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- 1) Pupils being transported are under authority of the bus driver.
- 2) Fighting, wrestling, or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus.
- 3) Pupils shall use the emergency door only in case of emergency.
- 4) Pupils shall be on time for the bus both morning and evening.
- 5) Pupils shall not bring firearms, weapons, or other potentially hazardous material on the bus.
- 6) Pupils shall not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals on the bus.
- 7) Pupils shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- 8) Pupils may be assigned seats by the bus driver.
- 9) When necessary to cross the road, pupils shall cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver.
- 10) Pupils shall not extend their hands, arms, or heads through bus windows.
- 11) Pupils shall have written permission to leave the bus other than at home or school.
- 12) Pupils shall converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited.
- 13) Pupils shall not open or close windows without permission of the bus driver.
- 14) Pupils shall keep the bus clean and refrain from damaging it.
- 15) Pupils shall be courteous to the driver, to fellow pupils, and passersby.
- 16) Pupils who refuse to obey promptly the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses.
- 17) Rules Governing Pupils Riding School Buses must be kept posted in a conspicuous place in all school buses.

CSD Bus Riding Rules (In addition to ODE rules)

- 1) Eating, drinking, or chewing gum on the bus may be allowed only if students properly dispose of their trash and keep the bus free of litter.
- 2) No use or possession of tobacco products allowed on the bus.
- 3) No inflated balloons allowed on the bus.
- 4) Skateboards or scooters must be fully contained in a backpack or appropriate case to be transported and must not be removed while on the bus.
- 5) Personal music players may be used with headphones so long as the volume is kept reasonably low.