

GPS TRANSPORTATION'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Arizona's child restraint statutes exempt school buses from compliance; however, we do typically place children who weigh less than 40 pounds into car seats when feasible. Please feel free to discuss preferences and options with your child's transportation teams.
- All transportation personnel are CPR and First Aid trained and have received other trainings relating to transporting students with special needs. You may have a different morning and afternoon transportation team.
- Drivers are not authorized to honk their horns at the bus stops, so please do not ask them to. Remember, the bus is only scheduled to wait **two minutes** for your child to board. Drivers are required to stay on schedule to the best of their ability. If they are delayed at each home just 3 minutes, they will eventually be running 30 minutes behind schedule.
- If your child's bus has a monitor on-board, they will help your child on and off the bus if they are in elementary school or otherwise need assistance on the stairs. Parents may carry their child up and down the stairs if they are unable to do so on their own. The assistant will ensure the child buckles themselves in before the bus moves.
- We only transport students to and from a location within the District boundaries

PARENTS' & GUARDIANS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide the IEP team a single pickup address and a single drop-off address that is no further than one-mile from home or school of attendance.
- We do not pick up or drop-off at businesses or other non-residential locations except daycares.
- Accompany your child to and from the bus stop each day.
- Be at the bus stop five minutes before your child's scheduled bus arrival time.
- Call 480-497-3311 to let us know if your child does not need the morning or afternoon bus. If your child fails to show up to ride the morning bus for three consecutive days, the bus will stop coming until we hear from you again.
- Go over the bus rules with your child.
- Let the driver and/or assistant know anything that you feel will help them to ensure your child has a safe and calm bus ride. This includes any medical (short or long-term) details that might be helpful for your child's care.
- Call or email Transportation if you have any concerns with respect to your child's busing.

Call 480-497-3311

Email: bus@gilbertschools.net

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where will the bus pick up my special education child?

A: The bus will pick up your child at the assigned bus stop, which may be in front of your home, or at the end of the street if you live in a cul-de-sac or at a centralized location if you live in an apartment complex, mobile home park, etc.

Q: Will my child have an adult monitor on-board the bus?

A: Transportation special education monitors are provided only for students who have a specific need identified in their IEP (individualized education plan). It is rare that an IEP will specify that a bus monitor is required. Your child's bus may have one on some days and not on other days.

Q: How do I arrange to have my child picked up and/or dropped off at a different address?

A: There are several parts to this answer. If you move to a new address, you must contact your child's school to arrange for a change in services. This change may take up to five business days, so give us plenty of notice prior to an upcoming move or if you have made before or after school daycare arrangements, be sure that the address of the daycare provider is within the boundary for your child's school and program or within the one-mile rule mentioned earlier. We can pick up and drop off your child at an address other than the home address if it's within the boundary, but we can

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only route with one pickup and one drop-off address. Pick up and drop off may be two different addresses, but only one pick up and one drop off address is allowed. **Again, there are no alternating day options.**

Q: What are the procedures if my child does not need a ride to or from school?

A: Call Transportation day or night if you do not need service. The number is **480-497-3311**.

Q: How long will the morning bus wait?

A: You should be outside with your child ready for school five minutes before the scheduled pick up time. If the bus arrives early, the driver will not depart until your child is on-board or until two minutes after the scheduled pickup time, whichever comes first. After the bus has waited past the pickup time, they will leave and will not be sent back to pick up your child that day.

Remember

that buses may run a little late due to traffic or other unavoidable conditions; however, if the bus is 10 minutes or more late, call our office at **480-497-3311**. **Your morning pickup times will likely change throughout the year as new students are added or removed from your child's bus route.** Unfortunately, these changes are unavoidable and pickup and drop off times cannot be set to accommodate each family's specific needs.

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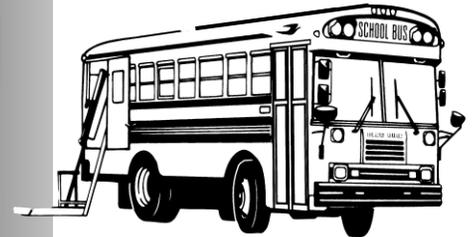
Q: What arrangements are necessary for drop-off of my child in the afternoon?

A: You have several options. Your child should always be met at the bus stop by a parent. You may, however, authorize us to drop off your child with other family members, friends or neighbors if necessary. Please have your child's IEP team reflect these details on the IEP Pro Transportation Form. This is dependent upon the child's age and disability of course and requires that you communicate clearly during the IEP meeting.

Q: What happens if no one is at the stop when the bus arrives to drop off my child and no other arrangements have been made?

A: Bus arrival times can vary due to traffic and if other students are absent. The bus arrives at the drop off location, will wait two minutes and then depart. Please do not wait until you hear the bus before going outside to the drop off point. We no longer call the home or walk to the door if nobody is outside to receive the student. Your child will be returned to school and must then be picked up by the family. Once your child has been returned to school three times during any one school year, you will be notified of your future transportation service options; which may include suspension of your child's bus service.

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