

Greenville County School System

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

We look forward to providing bus transportation during the next school year for your young child. As part of our continuing efforts to improve our quality of service, we want to ensure that you are aware of everyone's responsibilities, especially those concerning the safety of your child at the morning and afternoon school bus stop.

School Bus Transportation (S.C. Law Section 59-67-420)

The State, acting through the State Board of Education, assumes no obligation to transport any student to or from school who lives within one and one-half miles of the school he attends, nor to provide transportation services extending within three tenths mile of the residence of any student, nor to furnish transportation for any student who attends a school outside the school attendance zone in which the student resides when the same grade is taught in an appropriate school that is located within the school district in which student resides.

Parents/Guardians (S.C. Law Section 59-67-415)

Parents/guardians of a child being transported on a school bus are responsible for the safety and conduct of the child prior to the arrival of the school bus at the child's designated school bus stop for pick up and transport to school, and after the school bus drops off the child and departs the child's designated school bus stop when transporting the children from school. The state's responsibility includes the arrival or departure of the school bus, which is defined as the time that the school bus assigned to the school bus stop activates the required pedestrian safety devices, stops and loads or unloads students, and until the school bus deactivates all pedestrian safety devices.

In addition, parents/guardians should ensure all contact information at the school is accurate and update information whenever changes occur.

Effective in 2011-12:

In order to ensure the safety of your 4K, 5K, or 1st grade child, Greenville County Schools has implemented the following procedures:

- 4K, 5K, and 1st grade students preparing to depart the bus at their assigned stop, whether alone or in a group, AND without a parent/guardian/designee present to receive them, could be brought back to their elementary school. The designee may be another adult or student designee (5th grade, or above). One person can serve as designee for multiple children. A Bus Tag Application is to be requested from the school, completed and returned to the school before the student rides the bus.
- If student is returned to school, the parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up his/her child at the elementary school. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the matter could be referred to the Greenville County Schools Law Enforcement Division.

After two (2) incidents of the parent/guardian/designee, with the numbered card, not being present at the bus stop for PM dropoff, all transportation services will be discontinued until a parent conference is held with school administration. Should additional incidents occur after

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this meeting, it may result in additional loss of bus privileges, up to and including, the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to a safe and successful school year.