

Claymont City Schools

Transportation Guidelines

Claymont City Schools Transportation Policies and Procedures

Rules and guidelines regarding student conduct on a school bus are based on state law, Ohio Department of Education guidelines and Claymont City Schools policy.

It is the policy of the Claymont City School District to transport eligible students to and from school. Eligible students are defined as: elementary, middle, high school, and public and private students who live outside the designated walking zones.

Due to the Transportation Policy that will go into effect in the 2024-2025 school year, all students will be transported to and from one location. School walk zone of 1 mile may be utilized. A.M. may differ from P.M.; however, daily changes will no longer be accommodated. A consistent schedule for the year must be set up with the Transportation Office. Other options would be for the parent or legal guardian to pick up or drop off at the regular scheduled stop.

Parent/Rider Expectations

At all times, students riding a school bus must comply with the expectations listed below. The school bus driver is the district representative in charge of the bus. The instructions of the driver need to be followed and respected by the students. Their instructions guide the students as they board and leave the bus and help manage student conduct during the ride to ensure the safety and welfare of all school bus passengers.

- School bus transportation is a privilege to the student, not a right.
- Cooperate with the driver at all times; follow all verbal and posted instructions. The District School Code of Conduct is in effect.
- Students need to arrive at their bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Students need to wait quietly in a location clear of traffic and a safe distance from the bus stop. This is often referred to as the designated place of safety.
- Behavior at the bus stop must not threaten the safety of any individual.
- Students are not permitted to be released off the bus at any location other than their established stop.
- Students are not permitted to ride any other bus other than their assigned bus.
- Students shall go directly to their assigned seat once they board the school bus.
- Students must sit properly in their seats, keeping the aisle and exits clear.
- Keep hands/head/feet and all other objects inside the school bus. Do not throw anything out the windows.
- Eating, drinking, gum chewing, tobacco products, vapes, drugs, alcohol and littering are NOT permitted at any time.
- Students must be quiet at railroad crossings until the bus entirely clears the crossing.
- Electronic devices and cell phones shall not distract the driver, disrupt safety, or violate the district's Acceptable Use Policy.
- Students may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps.
- Parents will be responsible for any damage to a bus by their child.
- Open enrolled students are responsible for their own transportation.
- It is recommended that kindergarten students have an adult present for pick-up and drop-off.

The Transportation Department works closely with all district principals and administrators to help create, foster and maintain safe, efficient and proper school bus environments. In situations where a student's conduct and/or actions are not in-line with the above referenced guidelines and the Student Code of Conduct, corrective actions for misconduct on a school bus will follow appropriate district policy. Minor infractions may involve corrective action by the driver at the time or a follow up call to the parent. Serious or repeated infractions will result in an incident report submitted to the school administrator for further intervention. Corrective action and/or discipline may involve suspensions from bus transportation, including immediate removal from a bus if warranted.

School Delays/Cancellations

The District uses Instant Connect to notify families of school closings. To ensure these phone notifications are received, please make sure all contact information is current/accurate in One View. Also text the word "yes" to 87569 or 79041 to opt into notifications. The following local radio and television stations will also broadcast closings:

Television

WKYC Channel 3
WEWS Channel 5
WJW Channel 8
WTOV Channel 9
WOIO Channel 19

Radio

WJER 1450 AM
WTUZ 99.9 FM
WBTC 101.9 FM

Notification is also listed on our Claymont City Schools Facebook page and the school district website.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Whom should I contact with questions/concerns about transportation services?

A: Questions specifically related to transportation should be directed to the transportation department at 740-922-5478.

Q: What about questions regarding discipline?

A: Questions about discipline should be directed to the building principal and/or assistant principal.

Q: My child attends a private/parochial school, how do I request transportation?

A: Please call the Transportation Department at 740-922-5478. All private/parochial students must contact the Transportation Department before transportation can be provided.

Q: How do I know if my child is eligible for transportation services?

A: Students that are beyond one mile from their school qualify for transportation services. All students that live within a mile from their school are required to find transportation.

Q: What if I need alternate transportation within the attendance boundaries?

A: Parents must notify the Transportation Department of any alternate transportation requests. Requests may or may not be granted depending on feasibility, availability, and meeting any state requirements. Daily changes will not be accommodated.

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