



School Bus Drop-off Policy for Kindergarten and First Grade Students

Dear Parents of Kindergarten and First Grade Students:

The current expectation of the Central Bucks School District Transportation Department is that a parent, guardian, or responsible older sibling will meet kindergarten and first grade students at the assigned bus stop or will be within easy sight distance (recognizable to the driver). When no responsible party is available, bus drivers will contact the transportation office for authorization to take the student back to their school or to the transportation office where the parents may be contacted.



For the safety of our students, the school board has approved this procedure as a formal policy. Since this has been the procedure for some time, families should not experience any change in the drop-off procedure. Our bus drivers have been educated to this formal policy and may question you or your designee at the afternoon bus stop and may request identification if there are any questions or concerns.

The intent of these procedures is to enhance the safety of our youngest students. Obviously, there are a lot of dynamics involved with child care and supervision. Neighbors may provide child care coverage for each other as adult schedules sometimes conflict with bus stop schedules. Grandparents may be visiting and providing childcare. There are many scenarios that can exist for childcare, and it is sometimes difficult for bus drivers to determine who is an authorized caregiver for children when the standard bus stop routine changes unexpectedly.



The best practice is to communicate with your bus driver if a change in the bus stop/childcare routine takes place. For example, please explain to the driver if it is okay to release your child to a neighbor if the parent or older sibling will not be available. Working with your child's bus driver will help everyone add security for our youngest students.

NOTE: If changes are needed for those who are authorized to receive your child at the bus stop, please e-mail information to transportation@cbsd.org. Changes must be received in writing directly to the office. Notes to driver are not accepted.