


**Gibraltar School  
District**  
Transportation Department

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another year of student success. We would like to take a moment to remind our families that rely on school district transportation about school bus safety. Please take time to discuss this with your child before the first day of school and periodically throughout the school year. This letter will also be available on our district website under the Transportation tab.

Please be mindful that at times the bus may arrive late to your stop. Situations that may cause us to be late are: weather, accidents, trains, etc. We will do everything possible to accommodate our scheduled arrival time. It is extremely difficult to contact every parent or guardian when the bus will be late. We do make every effort to send Edulink emails to effected routes if there is going to be a prolonged delay. If you have a question about a late bus please contact the contact the Transportation Office directly at 734-379-6370.

- Bus safety rules are in place to protect your child, the driver and all other passengers so that they may have a safe ride to and from school and activities.
- Students must be at their bus stop 5 minutes before their scheduled pick up time. the driver cannot wait for late students. Please ask your student to be in view.
- Wait for the driver to signal you with a yellow crossing paddle before crossing the street.
- Use appropriate language and behavior. Foul language and gestures will not be permitted.
- When you exit the bus, move away from it and stay out of the bus “Danger Zone”.
- Kindergarten and Young 5’s children must have a parent or guardian visible or at individual bus stops.
- Children are to remain seated at all times.
- Children may talk quietly and to those sharing their seat.
- Children must keep their hands and feet to themselves.
- Feet must stay out of the aisles so that no one falls during frequent stops.
- Children must not put their hands out the windows.
- Children must listen to the driver and follow his/her directions at all times.
- Backpacks and bags are to be placed on their laps or on the floor in front of their seat.
- Eating and drinking is not permitted on the bus.



By following the simple rules, children will demonstrate safe practices and respect for their driver and fellow passengers.

All children will board the bus at their assigned bus stop. If your child needs to go to another stop please contact Transportation at 734-379-6370 for approval. If we do not get confirmation from you they will not be allowed to ride a different bus.

Each year our buses are inspected by the State of Michigan. Of the 26 buses inspected, we had six that were red-tagged. To receive a red tag the violation will consist of one or more of the following: emergency switch sticking, torn seat covers, loose steering wheel, exhaust pipe with a pin size or larger hole, heater not working and brake valve making a hissing sound from the exhaust pipe. With the exception of one, all were repaired immediately, re-inspected, green tagged and put back in operation. The bus that did not return to operational status was permanently removed due to age and needed repairs. Currently all of our buses are going through summer inspections and are ready for school to start. We continue to inspect buses throughout the year. We have received 6 new buses to start the new school year.

The Gibraltar Transportation Department does everything feasible to ensure the safe transport of your child(ren) to and from school. To achieve this, we choose the best staff and equipment available. Our drivers are regularly trained in safe and defensive driving techniques. They attend continuing education classes every two years.

Please check out the transportation tab in your MiStar Parent Portal. This is where you will find the bus animal symbol (no bus number), the bus stop location and an estimated pick-up and drop-off times.

Thank you for your assistance as we make every effort to ensure the safety of your child(ren) while they ride the bus. Please feel free to contact us with any questions and concerns.

Have a safe and wonderful school year!

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