

Proper Bus Behavior

Riding the bus is a privilege and may be withdrawn if the student does not comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the district code of conduct. Students are under the authority of and are directly responsible to the Bus Driver while riding the school bus. Students riding school buses are expected to conform to the rules of conduct in order to permit the bus driver to transport his/her passengers safely. In the event of improper behavior students will be issued a warning. If students continue to act improper, Drivers are authorized to safely pull the bus to the side of the road to speak with students. Drivers are authorized to assign seats and ask students to move to another seat. If improper behavior continues, a written conduct referral will be filed with the child's principal for administrative action.

Be advised that buses may be equipped with on-board surveillance systems that monitor student behavior and conversation.

You may obtain more information at our district web site;

<http://www.lakeshorecsd.org>

Musical Instruments

There are three (3) basic rules that must be observed:

1. The aisle must be clear at all times. An instrument cannot extend into the aisle from a seat.
2. All instruments must be held in the student's lap. Small elementary students with large instruments must be able to physically handle carrying the instrument on the bus and maneuver through the aisle to their seat.
3. An instrument cannot occupy a seat. Baritone saxophones, tubas, cellos, string bases, guitars and large drums cannot be transported on the bus.

Instrument cases of questionable size for a student to hold on their lap are: bassoons, tenor saxophones, trombones, French horns, baritone horns, bass clarinets.

Any item that, in the opinion of the Supervisor of Transportation, is a safety hazard will not be allowed on the school bus. Although bus safety rules might seem to offer little latitude, the rules are there to protect students.

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Lake Shore Central Schools

School Bus Safety



What Parents Should Know About the School Bus

Who is Eligible for transportation?

Eligibility for transportation is based in accordance with New York State Education Law, solely upon the distance from a student's legal residence to the school he or she legally attends or his/her special needs.

The Lake Shore Central School Board of Education adopted a 100% transportation policy. All school aged students who reside in our district will be transported to schools in their respective attendance zones. Students attending private or parochial schools are eligible to receive transportation services if they are within 15 miles of the students address. Prior to selecting a private or parochial school parents are advised to contact the transportation department for an accurate mileage audit. Request for private / parochial school services must be filed in writing to the Superintendent of schools, no later than April 1st each year.

Parents of students whom require special services should contact our department to review specific needs and goals.

Information regarding the "McKinney-Vento Act" intended to assist students whom are considered homeless, can be obtained through the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

If you have questions contact us at;
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Alternate Drop-off / Child Care

The school district will supply transportation to or from a location other than a child's legal residence on a daily or permanent basis. Transportation is limited to locations within the child's individual school attendance zone. The following apply;

1. The student must be eligible for transportation service.
2. Only one alternate address will be accepted.
3. Alternate address must be on an existing bus route.
4. Space must be available on the bus.
5. A request form must be filed at the Transportation Department at least five days prior to the effective date.
6. To ensure your child's safety, the bus driver, teacher, school and Transportation Department need to know your child's proper bus and bus stop. For this reason, all alternate transportation requests for the start of the school year must be submitted to the Transportation Department by the third week in August..

Be advised that NYS Law does NOT require a school transportation department to transport children of divorced parents to different homes on different days of the week. Parents are required to designate ONE address for transportation.

What can children carry on the bus?

The New York State Department of Transportation Regulations, Section 721.4(A)(11), limit the carrying of items on school buses to those that can be carried in the hands or on the lap of the student, or secured under the seats so as not to interfere with passenger seating space, safety or comfort.

Acceptable Items: Books, small back packs, small book bags, lunch boxes.

Not Allowed on the school bus: *Students are not allowed to eat on the bus. No;* Glass containers, pressurized containers, inflated balloons, hockey sticks, hockey bags, skate boards, defensemen lacrosse sticks, large projects, suitcases, animals, birds, fish, reptiles, worms, etc., with or without cages, sharp items such as umbrellas with sharp points, string art, etc. *Elementary students* are not allowed to use electronic equipment on the bus, for ex: iPods, DS, cell phones, cameras, etc.

Bus Stop Locations

Bus Stop locations are created in accordance with NYS laws and regulations to promote safety and efficiency. Bus stop locations are created as "group" stops whenever possible. Student's grades k through 5 will be expected to walk a couple houses to a bus stop. Students grades 6 through 12 are expected to walk up to 3 tenths of a mile to a bus stop location. Each year during the third week of August, a notice containing bus information is mailed to parents of students who are enrolled in school. Parents are asked to review this information carefully to make sure it is up to date and accurate. Children are to be outside, visible from the roadway, at least five minutes prior to the regular pick up time