

Bussing/walking guidelines outlined

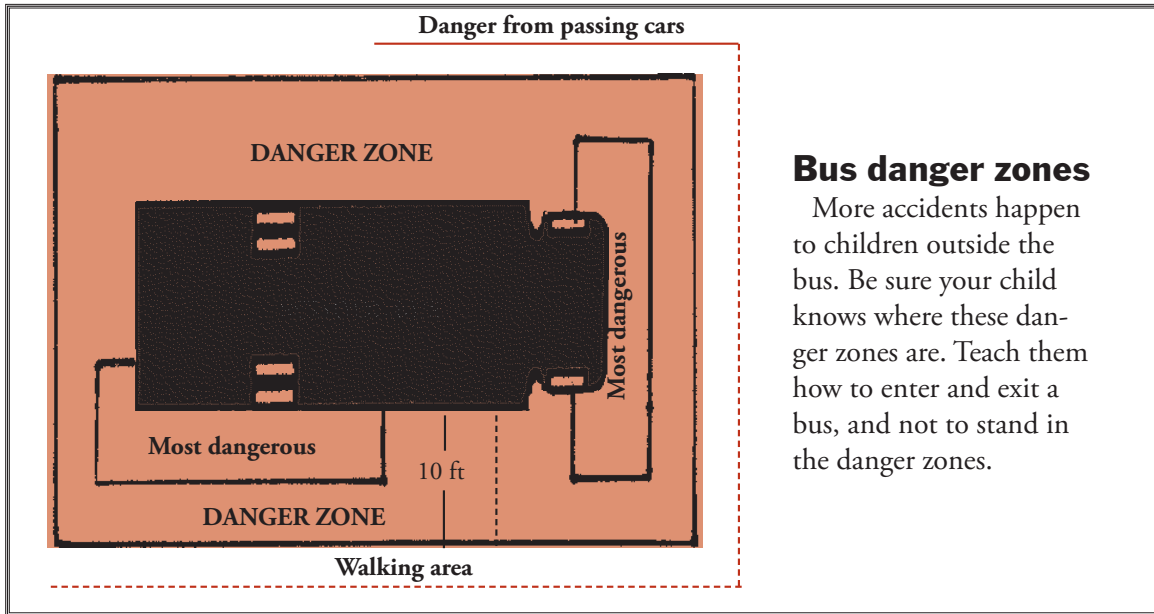
Bus service is available for high school students who live more than 1.5 miles from the high school.

Elementary and middle school students living one mile or more from their school are eligible for bussing. Kindergarten students living more than 1/2 mile from their school are also bussed.

Maps designating walking and bus routes are listed on the following pages.

- ❁ If bussing, students are to arrive at bus stops approximately five minutes prior to scheduled stop time (see back page for bus danger zones). Bussed students may walk up to 1/2 mile to a bus stop (if the bus stop is more than 1/2 mile from your home, please call the transportation office at 763-746-1257).

- ❁ If walking, discuss with your child(ren) the safest route to school, taking into account traffic patterns, street crossings, sidewalks, etc. Consider walking with your child(ren) the first few days of school.



Bus danger zones

More accidents happen to children outside the bus. Be sure your child knows where these danger zones are. Teach them how to enter and exit a bus, and not to stand in the danger zones.

Bus safety follows Centennial School District's 3rs

Students' commitment to the district's school-wide attributes of respect, responsibility and right choices (3rs) will help achieve safe transportation of students.

Parents should understand the importance of good bus behavior and make sure their children understand and remember the following.

Be respectful:

- ☞ Be respectful of others at all times.
- ☞ Use respectful, acceptable language and behavior on the bus and at the bus stop.
- ☞ Talk quietly, use appropriate language, and wait to

talk to the driver until it's safe to do so.

- ☞ 4. Respect the school bus property and obey the bus driver.

Be responsible:

- ☞ Stay seated and facing forward.
- ☞ Board/depart from designated stops.
- ☞ Keep the aisle clear.
- ☞ Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
- ☞ Use the emergency doors or safety devices in emergency situations only.
- ☞ Don't throw objects from, in, or at a bus.
- ☞ Wait in a single line at the side of or off the road until the bus comes to a

complete stop.

- ☞ Walk away from the immediate area of the bus when getting off the bus.
 - ☞ Cross the street in front of the bus in clear view of the driver. Students should go to a spot 10 feet in front of and to the side of the bus and wait for the driver to signal them when it is safe to cross.
 - ☞ Wait on the curb until the bus is at a complete stop, the stop arm is extended, and the driver signals that it is safe to cross when crossing a street to enter the bus.
- Make right choices:
- ☞ Leave dangerous or

objectional items at home (weapons, flammables, animals, etc.).

- ☞ Remain tobacco and drug free.
- ☞ Only ride the buses you are assigned to ride.

When respect, responsibility and/or right choices are not demonstrated, the school principal will consider disciplinary action (see chart below).

Direct questions to your child's building principal. For questions regarding the safety of your child contact the transportation office at 763-746-1257.

Bus rule violation consequences

Consequences for school bus misconduct applies to all bus routes. In addition, the district may assign seats, require reimbursement for damages, contact local law enforcement officials or take other actions.

Class I violations (more serious)

| Notice | Grade K-5 | Grade 6-12 |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st | Warning or 1-5 day suspension | 1-5 day suspension |
| 2nd | 1-10 day suspension | 5 day to indefinite suspension |
| 3rd | 10 day to indefinite suspension | 10 day to indefinite suspension |
| 4th | Loss of bus privileges | Loss of bus privileges |

Class II violations (less serious)

| Notice | Grade K-5 | Grade 6-12 |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st | Warning | Warning |
| 2nd | Warning or one-day suspension | Warning or 1-5 day suspension |
| 3rd | 1-3 day suspension | 1-5 day suspension |
| 4th | 3 day to indefinite suspension | 5 day to indefinite suspension |