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## **KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES**

Dear Parent:

The procedure of the Board of Education regarding school bus transportation for kindergarten is as follows:

Students living within one (1) mile of the school are not eligible for transportation and parents assume the responsibility for transporting their child to and from school. Students living over one (1) mile from school are eligible for transportation. School bus stop distance is designated not to exceed one (1) mile.

**Out of district students are not eligible for transportation.**

### **BUS STOPS:**

Special bus stops are not established for kindergarten children. These children get on, or off, at the regular bus stop with other elementary children. Every effort is made to schedule stops so that the children do not have to cross a major highway or road. However, this is not always possible and parents are advised that **MOTORIST DO NOT ALWAYS STOP FOR THE RED FLASHING LIGHTS OF THE SCHOOL BUS**. Therefore, please do not assume that the flashing red lights of the school bus will guarantee safety for your child crossing the roadway. Please use every precaution if your child must cross the street or roadway.

**PARENTS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILD AT THE SCHOOL BUS STOP.**

**It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to provide supervision for their child while going to, from or waiting at the designated bus stop.**

### ***SPECIAL NOTE: PARENTS MUST BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:***

1) The parent, an adult, or a responsible older sibling **MUST BE PRESENT AT THE BUS STOP IN THE AFTERNOON** to receive their child. **If a parent is not at the stop to receive the child and it occurs three (3) times, the Department of Social Services will be contacted by the Transportation Department.**

2) The school principal must approve any requests for a student to change stops. Changes are allowed only at existing stops. School bus drivers are not authorized to make changes from their assigned route unless approved by the transportation department.

Communication between the school, the parent, and the school bus driver is critical to the safe transportation of kindergarten children.

Please contact your child's school or the Transportation Office if you have any questions regarding these procedures.