

## Student Transportation

### What bus does my child ride?

Bus information including your child's bus number, stop location and scheduled morning pick-up time will be available in the Parent Portal on our website when it opens on August 21. The morning bus is the same bus your child will ride home at 3:15 on long-days. You will also find your child's short-day bus schedule.\*

We have developed a routine to make sure the students are placed on the correct bus at the end of the day. Bus tags have been provided to help in this process and children should wear them on their clothing for the first couple of weeks. The kindergarten teachers will provide a second bus tag to be attached to the backpack for the remainder of the year.

### Will the bus arrive on time?

At the start of every school year, a "break-in" period of at least two or three weeks is necessary for everyone to adjust to a new schedule. The drivers have been out on "dry runs" of the route, but adding children and "first day of school" pictures presents expected delays. Yes, it is okay to take a picture of this once-in-a-lifetime event! The driver will be happy to wait.

Bus times are subject to a variety of other factors including but not limited to weather, traffic, mechanical problems or breakdowns, and other unexpected delays. Please be patient and only call the bus company, First Student, after a reasonable amount of time.

### Will my child have an assigned seat on the bus?

No, seats are not assigned, but kindergarten students are asked to sit in the first two or three rows of seats on the bus.

## Kindergarten Questions and Answers

### May I ask the bus driver to change the location of the bus stop?

All requests to change a bus stop or questions about a bus stop location must be directed to the Transportation Coordinator.

### Will the same driver who drove the bus in the morning bring my child home at 3:15?\*

In most instances, your child's bus will have the same driver.

### Can my child be transported to a location other than our home at the end of the school day?

Starting on October 1, children may ride a bus to a friend's house. A parent or caregiver must send the child to school with a note (in duplicate) stating the destination and the designated adult who will be receiving the child. For more information please refer to the Hurlbutt Family Handbook which can be found on the district website [www.westonps.org](http://www.westonps.org).

**\*Kindergarten students will end their school day at 1:15 for the first 10 days. Long days will begin on September 11. They will ride home on their K buses (kindergarten) on short days and their IE buses (intermediate/elementary) once their long days begin. They will ride their IE buses in the morning as well. Both the K bus number and the IE bus number will be noted on the bus tag we send to you.**



### What happens if I am not able to meet my kindergarten child at the bus stop?

During the first week or two of school it is always safe to plan on being at the designated kindergarten bus stop well in advance of the scheduled drop-off time until a consistent pattern of drop-off time is established.

If a parent or caregiver, known to the driver, is not at the designated stop to receive the child, the bus driver will notify the dispatcher via radio and the school will be notified. The bus driver will return the child to school at the end of the route, the school will call you and you will be required to pick the child up at school.

### Contact First Student if...

- \* the bus is more than 10 minutes late.
- \* your child left something on the bus.
- \* you have a question about a designated bus stop.

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