

To: All Falk Parents
Date: August 17, 2009
Re: TRANSPORTATION RULES FOR BUS SAFETY AND WALKING

Students are assigned to a specific bus, with a specific designated stop, at the beginning of the year. Children are not permitted to ride a bus to which they have not been assigned. Please do not send notes asking permission for your child to ride another bus. This rule is part of the bus company's regulations and we are not in a position to over-rule this decision. This rule is in place because of safety and insurance concerns. Your child is insured while riding on his/her assigned bus only. Permission is granted (with a note from the parent) to get off at a different stop, but not to change busses.

If there are changes to dismissal plans, please try to notify the school early in the day. If we are not informed until the end of the day, and we are not in a position to accommodate the arrangement, there may not be enough time to call you and let you know that the plans will not work. This creates a dilemma. Our only option is to have the child remain at After School (an additional expense) until you can make arrangements to pick him/her up.

BUS SAFETY AND COURTESY

RIDE SAFE! WALK SAFE! RIDE SAFE! WALK SAFE!

1. Wait for your bus in a safe place—away from the road.
2. Stay two feet away from the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop.
3. Wait your turn to get on the bus.
4. While on the bus:
Remain seated at all times while the bus is moving
Keep aisles clear; stow school bags under the seat
Do not save seats for others boarding later
There are no reserved seats except when assigned by the driver or school personnel
Talk in a normal voice. **DO NOT SHOUT**
Keep the bus clean. **DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ON BUS**
Do not put or throw anything out of the bus windows
Only assigned students may ride the bus (see previous page for more detail)
Listen to your driver
Wait until the bus stops completely—then you may get out of your seat to exit.
5. Once off the bus—Avoid the DANGER ZONE. (See next page for picture). Walk 10 giant steps beyond the bus so the driver can see you clearly.
6. Never retrieve anything that falls under the bus.
7. Wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing in front of the bus.
8. Be sure to look **LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT** to see that all cars have stopped.
9. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left so you are facing the on coming traffic.