



Transportation Newsletter – Fall 2018

The **Waterford School District Transportation Department** would like to welcome back students, parents and staff for the 2018/19 school year. Please review the following information with your children.

Bus Stop Information

Post cards containing bus stop and route assignments will be mailed out on **Friday August 24, 2018**. Route information will be available at all buildings and a **Transportation Phone Bank** will be available the week of **Aug. 27 – 31, 2018** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** to answer any transportation questions. Phone numbers will be listed on post cards and at the buildings.

Bus Passes

Students who wish to ride a bus other than their assigned bus **must have a bus pass**. **The pass must be authorized through the school office and signed by building personnel**. Passes will be allowed based on capacity and may be denied if there is a lack of seating. Students without proper authorization will be **denied** access to ride the bus.

Allergies and Food Restrictions

Minimizing Health Risks for Students with Life Threatening Food Allergies

Food allergies can be life threatening. The risk of accidental exposure to foods can be reduced if we all work together to minimize risk and take measures to provide a safe environment for food-allergic students.

Several buses have signs reminding students that there is "**NO EATING ALLOWED ON THIS BUS**". These buses transport students with food-allergy restrictions and it is critical they are kept clean. If your student rides one of these buses, they will not be allowed to have food out of their backpack or bring food items onboard, such as treats for parties. These restrictions must be strictly adhered to and we appreciate everyone's compliance to help minimize risk.

Bus Rules for Students

As we begin a new school year, we remind all students and parents to be aware of safety procedures around school buses. Supported by the **Waterford Foundation for Public Education**, the *Safe Bus Riders* program will be conducted shortly after school begins and will provide all elementary aged children with demonstrations and actual practice of bus safety rules and procedures. In addition, safety tips are included on our web page www.waterford.k12.mi.us that will help refresh your child's knowledge of bus safety rules.

Look for the student bus rules in the Student Code of Conduct booklets distributed by the buildings or on the district website at www.waterford.k12.mi.us. Please review these rules with your child to ensure everyone's safety while riding the bus.

Bus Delay Information Available

Parents, students, and staff have available the latest information about Waterford School District transportation delays via **Blackboard Connect, Comcast Channel 22** (the District's educational cable channel) and the **district's website** at www.waterford.k12.mi.us. Messages will be sent when a bus is delayed 20 minutes or more due to traffic, inclement weather or mechanical difficulties. The message will contain the bus number, route number, and building name. Residents in the community may view Channel 22 only if they have cable television.

Coming this fall we will be offering a tool for parents to track their student's bus as it travels to their assigned bus stop. More details to come!

Parents should have a transportation contingency plan in place so students know what to do in the event of delays.

Emergency School Closings

In the event of inclement weather, school closings will be announced on the following: Blackboard Connect, TV Channels: 2, 4, 7 and 22; Radio Stations: WJR 760 AM, WWJ 950 AM, Channel Q95.5 FM as well as the district's web site at www.waterford.k12.mi.us.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

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