Preschool Transportation 2017-2018

Transportation eligibility for preschool students must live or attend day-care beyond the .25 miles walking distance from the elementary. 3-year-old students are only eligible for transportation if the student has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan with transportation added). All 4-year-olds preschool students will qualify for transportation during normal school bus operating hours 6:30-8:00 am & 2:50- 4:30 pm. Mid-day transportation will be limited to IEP students only. Parents or Daycares will be responsible for contacting HIRTA to arrange transportation at their own expense for either picking up students for morning class 10:55 am dismissal or dropping students off at 12:15 for the afternoon class.

Parent Student Handbook

Bus Stop Locations and Responsibilities: Drivers are responsible for transporting students safely. Times will vary some daily based on rural students that may not ride regularly, other conditions that affect times are traffic, road conditions, weather. Parents are responsible for their children until they board the bus in the AM and after they depart in the PM. The district’s Transportation Supervisor will designate stops on an annual basis. Buses may not enter developments or cul-de-sacs that are difficult to maneuver a bus safely. Roads driven by buses must be of standard width. Driveway turnarounds used for bus turnarounds must be clear of vehicles at all times and have snow removed during the winter months. Students are responsible for conducting themselves in an orderly and courteous manner on buses and at bus stops. Riding the bus is a privilege not a right. (Addendum to Parent/Student Handbook made at 9.12.16 Board Meeting) Consequences for Not Following Bus Rules 1st offense = verbal warning 2nd offense = off route/shuttle bus for 3 days 3rd offense = off route/shuttle bus for 5 days 4th offense = off route/shuttle bus for 10 days, and a recommendation to the School Board that the next offense be dismissal from buses for the remainder of the school year **In extreme cases, students may lose privileges immediately.

Bus Stops : All requests for bus stop changes must be submitted to the Transportation Supervisor for review. The Supervisor will approve or deny. School bus drivers are not permitted to change stop locations without written approval from the Transportation Director. Students are permitted to have only one (1) AM bus stop and one (1) PM bus stop assignment subject to the exceptions discussed below which can be requested through the district’s Director of Transportation on a case-by-case basis. WCSD recognizes families in the district are faced with work, childcare and custody constraints, and will consider written requests for an individual stop alternative for these reasons. Requests will only be granted under the exceptions discussed above and will be subject to the following limitations: No more than one alternative stop will be allowed per year. The schedule must be the same set schedule every week (no variations from week to week). Custody arrangements must be supported by a written custody agreement (copy provided to the school the child attends). There must be available capacity on the bus that the alternate request is being made.

Day Care Transportation: WCSD will transport students to or from a day care facility or daycare provider under the following rules: If the location of the daycare is outside the .25 mile walking distance of the Elementary building. This service will be given to pK-3rd grade students only during normal transportation hours of 6:30-8:00 am & 2:50-4:30pm. Transportation will be provided five (5) days a week to or from the same address in the morning and afternoon. The morning and afternoon addresses may be different but the same set schedule must be followed every week. If the student is
scheduled to attend the daycare less than five (5) days per week, on the days the student is not to be picked up or dropped off at the daycare provider or facility, it is the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation to or from school. Request for a change in transportation will become effective only after adequate time has been given to make the changes and to properly notify all persons concerned. Telephone requests for permanent changes will not be accepted. Notes requesting changes must be signed by parents.