

Parents/Guardians play an important role in the safe and efficient operation of the Transportation Department and we are asking for your help.

It is district policy that all students who are bused to school must return home on their assigned bus unless parental and school office approval is received. Any alternative to this arrangement must comply with the following:

1. If a student will not be riding a bus home or will be riding a different bus, a parent/guardian must submit a request in writing to the school office by 10am.
2. When a written parental request is not submitted by the student, a phone call request, received by 10 am, from a parent may suffice. However, such phone calls are discouraged, and a written request is preferred.
3. The school secretary or other designated personnel are responsible for verifying alternate busing arrangements before they are approved.

Parents/Guardians are expected to have their children at the bus stop and ready to board the bus 5-10 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up times. Bus Drivers are not able to wait more than 20 seconds at any stop. Should a student miss the bus, please instruct children to never run after the bus and parents/guardians become responsible for transporting them to school.

Your bus driver has been entrusted with the serious responsibility of protecting the safety of your child. The driver cannot control the hazards outside the bus. We ask your cooperation to assign a responsible person to meet the bus every day to receive your child. This will ensure your child's safety as well as the safety of other children.

We also want to alert you to the dangers of long drawstrings or straps on children's clothing, or long mitten strings. Across the country, a number of incidents have occurred in which children's clothing or mitten strings became entangled in the bus door or handrails as the child stepped off the bus causing serious injuries. Please make sure your children do not have any long, dangling strings or straps that could jeopardize their safety.

Another danger to be aware of is dark clothing as we approach the darker morning hours of non-daylight savings hours. Children should be dressed in bright-colored clothing for better visibility.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Cornish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Robert Cornish

JTCSD Director of Transportation