

Proper Bus Behavior

Riding the bus is a privilege and may be withdrawn if the student does not comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the district code of conduct. Students are under the authority of and are directly responsible to the Bus Driver while riding the school bus. Students riding school buses are expected to conform to the rules of conduct in order to permit the bus driver to transport his/her passengers safely. In the event of improper behavior students will be issued a warning. If students continue to act improperly, Drivers are authorized to safely pull the bus to the side of the road to speak with students. Drivers are authorized to assign seats and ask students to move to another seat. If improper behavior continues, a written conduct referral will be filed with the child's principal for administrative action.

Be advised that buses may be equipped with on-board surveillance systems that monitor student behavior and conversation.

Here Comes The Bus

The Lake Shore CSD Transportation Department utilizes Here Comes the Bus (HCTB), a free and easy-to-use website and application that allows parents to view the location of their child's school bus in real-time on a smartphone, tablet or personal computer. Here Comes the Bus will make knowing when your child's school bus is arriving easier.

To register, visit the Here Comes the Bus website or download the Here Comes The Bus app by visiting the Google Play or Apple Store. Use school code 29788 to locate Lake Shore Central Schools.

If you have any questions, please email us at Transportation@lscsd.org

Musical Instruments

There are three (3) basic rules that must be observed:

1. The bus aisle must be clear at all times. An instrument cannot extend into the aisle from a seat.
2. All instruments must be held on the student's lap. Small elementary students with large instruments must be able to physically handle carrying the instrument on the bus and maneuver through the aisle to their seat.
3. An instrument cannot occupy a seat.

Baritone saxophones, tubas, cellos, string bases, guitars and large drums cannot be transported on the bus. Instrument cases of questionable sizes for a student to hold on their lap are: bassoons, tenor saxophones, trombones, French horns, baritone horns, bass clarinets. Any item that, in the opinion of the Supervisor of Transportation, is a safety hazard will not be allowed on the school bus. Although bus safety rules might seem to offer little latitude, the rules are there to protect students.

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Lake Shore Central Schools

School Bus Safety



What Parents Should Know About the School Bus

Who is Eligible for transportation?

Eligibility for transportation is based in accordance with New York State Education Law, upon the distance from a student's legal residence to the school he or she legally attends or his/her special needs.

The Lake Shore Central School Board of Education adopted a 100% transportation policy. All school aged students who reside in our district will be transported to schools in their respective attendance zones. Students attending private or parochial schools are eligible to receive transportation services if they live within 15 miles of the school of attendance. Request for services to a private / parochial school must be filed in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, no later than April 1st each year.

Parents of students who require special transportation service should contact our department to review specific needs on an individual basis.

Parents who believe their student may apply for service covered by the "McKinney-Vento Act" should contact the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

Child Care Providers / Alternate Drop-off

The District will provide transportation service to or from a location other than a child's legal residence on a daily or permanent basis. Transportation is limited to locations within the child's individual school attendance zone.

The following apply:

- The student must be eligible for transportation service.
- Only **one** alternate address will be permitted.
- Alternate address must be on an existing bus route.

- Space must be available on the alternate bus.
- A request form must be filed with the Transportation Department at least three days prior to the effective date.
- Alternate transportation requests for the start of the school year must be submitted to the Transportation Department prior to the third week in August.

Be advised that NYS Law does NOT require a school transportation department to transport children of divorced parents to different homes on different days of the week. Parents are required to designate ONE address for transportation.

What can children carry on the bus?

The New York State Department of Transportation Regulations, Section 721.4(A)(11), limit the carrying of items on school buses to those that can be carried in the hands or on the lap of the student, or secured under the seats so as not to interfere with passenger seating space, safety or comfort.

- Acceptable Items: Books, small back packs, small book bags, lunch boxes.
- Not Allowed on the school bus: Students are not allowed to eat on the bus. No Glass containers, pressurized containers, inflated balloons, hockey sticks, hockey bags, skate boards, defensemen lacrosse sticks, large projects, suitcases, animals, birds, fish, reptiles, worms, etc., with or without cages, sharp items such as umbrellas with sharp points, string art, etc.

Elementary grade level students are not allowed to use electronic equipment on the bus, for ex: iPods, DS, cell phones, cameras, etc. with out prior approval from the building principal.

Bus Stop Locations

Bus Stop locations are created in accordance with NYS laws and regulations to promote safety and efficiency. Bus stop locations are created as "group" stops whenever possible.

Students grade K through 5 will be expected to walk a couple of houses to a bus stop. Students grade 6 through 12 are expected to walk up to 3 tenths of a mile to a bus stop location.

Each year during the third week of August, a notice containing bus information is mailed to parents of students who are enrolled in school. Parents are asked to review this information carefully to make sure it is up to date and accurate.

Children are to be outside, visible from the roadway, at least five minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time. Buses are not required to make a stop if they do not see a student

An adult must be present to meet the bus.

The New York State Education Department recommends parents/guardians be present at a school bus stop to receive their child (ren.)

It is our procedure that an adult be present at the bus stop to receive students grades K-3. School bus drivers / attendants are directed NOT to release students unless they physically see a responsible adult who is listed in the students file. Drivers who do not physically see a parent/guardian at a bus stop have been trained to keep the student on the school bus and continue on with the bus route and return to the students home at the end of the route.

If you are arrange for someone other than yourself to receive your student be sure they are listed as an alternate contact on your students file. All persons other than the parent must show picture identification to receive your child.