

NORTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES & POLICIES

The transportation policies of the Norton City Schools Board of Education are aimed at providing a safe, efficient and economical method of transporting students to and from school. Norton City Transportation is committed to providing a bus schedule in a way that best serves the educational interest of the students.

The safety of the students will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Norton furnishes transportation in compliance with State Law. Parents must remember that they are responsible for supervision of their students until the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Students on the bus are under the direct authority of the bus driver. Refusal to follow the established regulations on the bus or refusal to comply with a drivers request to follow the regulations could result in consequences up to and including refusal of transportation services to students by the Principal. Riding a bus is a privilege granted to the students. The bus is viewed as an extension of the classroom and conduct should be similar.

Pupils with physical handicaps that make walking difficult or dangerous, living any distance from school, are entitled to transportation as per regulations for handicapped children.

Bus stops shall be limited, where possible, so that pupils from several homes can meet at a central point safely for group pick up. Elementary aged students may have less distance to walk, whereas, middle and high school aged students may walk greater distance, that does not exceed one-half mile.

Pupils are to ride only the buses to which they have been assigned. Norton City Schools will transport to an alternate location on an available space basis and to existing stops. If a student needs to ride a bus other than their own for alternate care, a parent or guardian must send a written note to your school office. The office will issue a bus pass for the student to present to the bus driver. **Students may not ride a bus other than their own without a bus pass.**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear
- The driver will assign seats
- Keep head and hands inside the bus
- No screaming, shouting or yelling
- Be courteous
- No profanity
- Observe classroom conduct
- Do not damage the bus
- No eating or drinking on the bus
- Use of matches, lighters, and tobacco is prohibited
- You may only ride your assigned bus
- For your safety, always cooperate with the driver
- Absolute quiet must be observed while stopped at, and crossing, all railroad tracks.
- No spitting
- Keep your hands to yourself
- Students must follow designated point of safety as assigned by the bus driver.
- Students will be at their point of safety five minutes before pick up and be visible to the driver.
- Students must not throw or pass objects on from or into the bus.

Forbidden Cargo

- The transportation or carrying of firearms or any other weapons or explosives on a school bus is prohibited by law.
- The transportation of pets, animals, or any other living creature is also prohibited by law.
- Sharp or pointed items, pens, pencils, compasses, etc., should be carried in a closed container.
- No glass containers, bottles, helium balloons, or fragile items may be carried on the bus.
- Students may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps.