

PVS Transportation FAQ

What happens to student's belongings left on the bus?

They will be taken to the lost and found in the elementary office. At the end of each trimester, all remaining items will be donated.

What should a student do to get off at a different stop?

The parent must call the office before 1pm to discuss the possibility of a different stop.

I need to change my child's after school plans (bus to pickup or aftercare or pickup/aftercare to bus).

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What time should my child arrive at the morning bus stop?

Students are asked to be at their designated bus stop location **at least 10 minutes** prior to scheduled pick-up time. Drivers will not wait beyond the scheduled pick up time.

Can parents ride the bus with their child?

No, parents may not ride the school bus except for field trips as a school approved chaperone. All chaperones who ride the bus must have a valid IVP fingerprint card.

How are bus stops determined?

Stops are assigned by the general location of students and must meet state regulations for safety. Stops must be at least 50 feet from a signed intersection and 100 feet from an intersection with traffic control signals. Note: The transportation department will try to accommodate ALL requested stops, but may not be able to do so based on a number of factors.

Can my child ride home on another bus?

Due to limited space and for safety and security reasons, only eligible students may ride their assigned bus. Any request for an exception for a specific day, must be made by the parent by calling into the office by 1pm. Requests are granted based on bus capacity.

What happens if I am not at the bus stop to pick up my child on time?

The driver will not wait past the posted bus time and will proceed on route. The bus aide or other school official will attempt to contact the parent (with the child still on the bus) to notify the parent that the child will be dropped off in the after school program at the end of the route for parent pickup. Fees may apply.

What are the bus rules?

See [Bus Rules](#) on the Transportation home page.

What if my child receives a referral?

All referral reports are sent to the Principal. According to policy, the Principal determines all disciplinary action. See [Disciplinary Action](#) on the Transportation home page.

What qualifications does a bus driver have?

A school bus driver must be at least 21 years of age, maintain a clean driving record, undergo annual and random drug and alcohol testing, pass a physical tolerance exam, and must obtain a Commercial Driver's License and State School Bus Certification. All school bus drivers also have an IVP fingerprint clearance card.

What training programs do bus drivers attend?

PVS bus drivers exceed the minimum training requirements of the state of Arizona, which consists of classroom training, behind the wheel training, first aid/CPR, and additional safety meetings.

How many children ride school buses?

In the United States, about 23,500,000 children ride school buses between home and school. That's about 55 percent of the K-12 population. When you multiply the daily ridership by the number of school days, school buses provide the United States with an estimated 10 billion student rides annually.

How safe are school buses?

According to the National Safety Council, school buses are the safest form of ground transportation. In fact, they are about 40 times safer than the family car.

The bus didn't show up on time. How long should my child wait at the stop?

Your child should arrive at the stop **at least 10 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time of the bus. If there is a substitute driver, the times may not be absolutely consistent with the regular times. If the bus is late, ask your child to remain at the stop. Buses break down, roads are blocked, drivers become ill or have emergencies, but there will always be a bus/school vehicle at each stop. If the wait becomes 10 minutes or longer, call 928-772-8744. In extreme cases, a phone message will go out to families updating them on the transportation hold up.

Who do I call with a transportation emergency after school hours?

Call the PVS Transportation Department after hours number at 928-642-3418.

Appropriate steps will be taken to handle any type of situation regarding school buses.