



Student Transportation Regulation

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS and THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Beaumont ISD's School Bus Drivers are highly trained professionals who have obtained a Federal Commercial Drivers License with passenger and school bus endorsements. They must keep the Texas CDL License Class A or B current. All bus drivers are required to attend a 20-hr school bus driver safety-training course approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety as well as pass a physical examination, which is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Beaumont ISD's Department of Transportation is committed to begin and end each child's instructional day safely, orderly, and respectfully.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Your student must be registered in a Beaumont ISD school to be considered eligible for Bus Service. Students that are not registered may be denied transportation services.

Parents or guardians shall be responsible and accountable for the conduct and safety of their children at all times prior to the arrival and after the departure of the school bus at the assigned school bus stop. (View the Student Code of Conduct)

If possible, teach your child their full name, home address, and telephone number where an adult family member may be contacted in an emergency.

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least ten (10) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. In order to maintain the routing/bus schedule, drivers cannot wait (unless they are early) at bus stops. You are encouraged to visit the bus stop and show your child where to wait for the bus: at least three giant steps (six feet) away from the curb. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run or play. If your child misses the school bus, it is the parent's responsibility to get them to school. Instruct your child on your procedures to follow if they miss their bus.

Remind students to watch for siblings at bus loading or unloading times, and encourage them to notify the bus driver of any concerns of a sibling not loading the bus, or getting off at the appropriate stop.

If your child has any special condition or need that the bus driver should be aware of, please put this concern in writing to the driver.

To ensure a safe and orderly ride to and from school for your student, take the time to go over all the Bus Safety Rules and Conduct Rubric with your child. If necessary, parents are expected to cooperate with disciplinary action. Make sure your child understands the need for following the safety rules on the bus and the necessity for respecting the Bus Driver and others as well as themselves. If necessary, parents/guardians are expected to meet with those responsible for student transportation whenever requested.

When students ride the school bus, it is implied that all students understand the rules and will abide by them. As a parent/guardian of students eligible to receive services, it is implied that you too accept joint responsibility with the school and transportation administrators for the proper conduct of your child. Stating that you did not know the rules does not excuse a student from misbehavior or consequences for an infraction. Remember that the driver is the authority on the school bus.

If your student should lose their bus privileges, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to transport to and from school.

To insure the safety and security of all students on Beaumont ISD buses, parents may not board the bus at any time.

Education Code 37.126. Disruption of Transportation: Except as provided by Section 37.125, a person commits an offense if the person intentionally disrupts, prevents or interferes with the lawful transportation of children to or from school or an activity sponsored by a school on a vehicle owned or operated by a county or independent school district. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor and subject to a \$500 fine.

Should you need to discuss an issue with the bus driver, please contact our office at one of the following locations Milam (409)617-5617, Trahan (409)617-5625 or after hours (409)617-5622. The driver has been instructed not to engage in discussions with parents on route to avoid route delays.

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses and other district vehicles remain in good condition and that transportation is provided safely, orderly, and respectfully. In accordance with the Student Code of Conduct provisions regarding transportation, you are strongly encouraged to take the time to review the bus safety rules and consequences and make sure that you understand the need for following the Safety Rules on the Bus and the necessity for respecting the Bus Driver and other students as well as yourself.

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In case of an accident or an emergency:

FOLLOW THE BUS DRIVER'S DIRECTIONS COMPLETELY AND WITHOUT HESITATION.

Lost and Found Articles

All lost and found items on buses are removed from each bus at the end of each run each day. Drivers then turn all found/unclaimed items into the designated Transportation Office to be retained. All found/unclaimed items will be removed from each location on the 15th of each month. It is helpful to place names on all articles sent to school with your child.

Milam location
3255 Milam
(409)617-5617

Trahan location
950 W. Virginia
(409)617-5625