

## Parents school bus safety alert

### *Help us protect your child*

Certain types of clothing can create a hazard. Especially dangerous are:

- Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings
- Long backpack straps
- Long scarves or other loose clothing
- Please check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.
- Talk to your child about safety rules.
- Stay away from the danger zones around the bus.
- Don't try to pick up dropped items near the bus — the driver might not see you.
- Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus. Use extreme caution when getting on and off the bus.

**School bus safety is a team effort — nothing is more precious than a child's life.**

## School bus safety program

The safety and welfare of Lakota Local School District student riders will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions should include the following:

- 1** The district's transportation program will meet all state requirements regarding the approval of bus drivers, standards for buses and safe speeds.
- 2** Bus stops will be limited, where possible, so that students from several homes can meet safely at a central point for group pick-up.
- 3** Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted regularly throughout the school term to thoroughly acquaint student riders with procedures in an emergency situation.
- 4** All vehicles used to transport students will be maintained in such condition as to provide safe and efficient transportation service with a minimum of delays and disruptions of service due to mechanical or equipment failure.
- 5** In the primary grades, students will be given instructions on school bus safety procedures and expected behavior within the first two weeks of school.

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### **Kindergarten students**

An adult is to be present at the designated stop for pick-up and drop-off of a kindergarten student. For safety reasons, if no adult or older sibling is available to walk with the student, he/she may be returned to the school or proper authority.

### **Temporary Bus Permission Slip**

Bus drivers will not accept notes from parents requesting permission for their child to ride a different bus from school. Parents must request a Temporary Bus Permission Slip from the building administrator. Bus passes will not be issued for social reasons.

### **Alternative transportation**

For a regular change to a childcare provider, parents must submit a Request for Alternative Transportation. Contact the Transportation Department.

### **Emergency School Closings**

School closings and/or delay information will be provided to local television and radio stations and will be on lakotaonline.com. When there is a one-hour delay, half-day AM students will be picked up one hour later. When a two-hour delay occurs, half-day preschool and kindergarten students will not be required to attend school.

## PARENT AND STUDENT GUIDELINES

**Lakota Local Schools  
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