

# **ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## **Transportation Information**

**\*\*\* As per CDC guidelines, all students must wear a mask on the bus at all times. \*\*\***

### **DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

The school district will provide bus transportation for students who live in the District and who attend public or non-public schools according to the policy set by the Board of Education. That policy is as follows:

- All Kindergarten and grade 1 students\*
- Students in grades 2-5 who live .3 of a mile or more from school campus (pedestrian entrance)
- Students in grades 6-8 who live .3 of a mile or more from school campus (pedestrian entrance)
- Students in grades 9-12 who live 1.3 miles or more from school campus (pedestrian entrance)

Bus assignments will be mailed to parents of eligible students prior to the start of school.

*\*All Wing students must have a parent/guardian at the bus stop when the children are picked up and dropped off. If a parent/guardian is not at the bus stop, the Wing students will be brought back to the Wing School.*

### **TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS**

The District transports resident students to private and parochial schools for a distance not to exceed (15) miles. All requests for transportation of children attending private and parochial schools within the 15-mile limit must be made by April 1, preceding the next school year.

### **SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOR CODE**

The safety of our students is a prime concern in the complicated task of transporting students as efficiently as possible. The following directions are offered so that parents and children know what is expected in the way of proper student conduct related to the use of school buses. Failure to comply with these directions may result in the suspension of a child's bus privileges.

1. Pupils are to arrive at your bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is due.
2. Wait in orderly lines off the road and do not damage or destroy private property.
3. All students on a school bus are under the authority of its driver and are required to follow the driver's instructions.
4. Complete order must be maintained within the bus at all times so that the driver is not distracted from their primary duty of safely operating the vehicle.
5. The driver will report a pupil's misconduct to the building principal, which could result in the suspension of a child's bus privileges or other disciplinary actions.
6. Students are required to use only their regular bus and established stop location unless they have an authorized secondary bus pass with a secondary stop location (Ex, childcare, etc.). This request must be submitted in writing providing the name, address and phone number of the person (s) accepting this responsibility to the main office of the student's building. A copy of this written request must be sent to the Transportation Office.
7. Pupils are never to walk along the side of a bus when either approaching or leaving it. They are always to remain completely clear of the bus.
8. New York State Education Department stresses that established visual contact between driver and crossing students is critical to safety. Students crossing in front of the bus need to maintain eye contact with the driver, and wait until the driver signals them before they are to cross in front of the bus.

9. Once on the bus, pupils are to seat themselves quickly and to remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop at their final destination.
10. No part of a pupil's body or belongings is ever to be extended out of the bus window.
11. Objects may not be thrown on, from, or at the bus.
12. The consumption of food or beverages, as well as smoking, is strictly prohibited.
13. Pupils are expected to be reasonably quiet, polite and courteous in their speech and behavior with the driver and other pupils on the bus and with their neighbors at the bus stop.
14. Unacceptable behavior includes shouting and screaming, name-calling, pushing and shoving, poking, hitting, fighting, abusive language and any other behavior generally deemed to be disruptive, impolite and discourteous.
15. School authorities may suspend the pupil from the privilege of riding on the bus because of disorderly conduct. In this event, it will be the responsibility of the parents to see that the child is in attendance at school.
16. Drivers clean out their buses at the end of each day. Should a pupil leave something on the bus, they are to ask the driver for the lost item next time they are on the bus. If an item is found, it will be returned.
17. Questions regarding routes, stops and bus assignments should be directed to the student's school building. Bus schedules are posted on the District website.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TRANSPORTATION

Enclosed you will find your child's bus pass. Please note that this is your child's assigned stop. Changes are not carried over from previous years. Change requests must be submitted to Transportation. You can find the "Change of Bus Stop Request" form on the District website. Please note changes are not immediate. For the safety of your child, please give at least 3-5 days to hear if approved or not. You will be notified when the change will be implemented. Thank you.