

Tuscarawas Valley Local School District

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# T TRANSPORTATION

# G GUIDELINES



The Transportation Department of  
Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools  
strives to provide safe, friendly, and on-time  
transportation services to students  
of the district.

**Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools**

*Positive, Productive, Proud*



*Our Focus*

*Students.....all that they are and all that they can become.*

## Transportation Services and Code of Conduct

It is the policy of the Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools to transport eligible students to and from school. Eligible students are defined as: elementary, middle, high school, and public and private students who live outside the designated walking areas. Eligible students are assigned to a bus and are expected to follow the transportation rules and regulations under the school bus driver's authority and responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of all school bus passengers. Student misconduct may result in disciplinary action, including loss of transportation privilege.

At all times, students riding a school bus must comply with the expectations listed below. The student Code of Conduct applies to all students on the bus or at the bus stop. Students are expected to be at their designated bus stop (place of safety) at least **five minutes** before the posted pick-up time.

### Rider Expectations

1. Cooperate with the driver at all times; follow all verbal and posted instructions.
  2. Respect the driver and those around you; rude or discourteous behavior will not be tolerated.
  3. Talk quietly; be silent at railroad crossings.
  4. Sit properly in assigned seat at all times.
  5. Keep hands/head/feet and all other objects inside the school bus.
  6. Eating, drinking, and gum chewing are not permitted at any time.
  7. Use of tobacco is prohibited at all times.
  8. Electronic devices shall not distract the driver, disrupt safety, or violate the district's Acceptable Use Policy.
  9. Cell phones are to remain OFF and out of sight.
  10. Remove all headsets before entering and exiting the school bus.
- The bus driver is responsible for the safe operation of the school bus. Students choosing not to comply with the above rules/expectations will be referred for disciplinary action.



### Removal from the Bus

The building principal or his/her designee is authorized to suspend a student up to ten days from bus riding privileges. School officials may immediately remove a student from the bus if the student's presence poses a danger to person or property, or a threat to the safe operation of the school bus. The superintendent may expel a student from bus riding privileges through the end of the semester in compliance with Section 3313.66 of Ohio Revised Code.

## School Delays/Cancellations

In the event of adverse weather conditions or other calamity, Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools will communicate with the following local radio and television stations about the status of school operations:

### Television

WKYC Channel 3  
WEWS Channel 5  
WJW Channel 8  
TWC Channel 19

### Radio

WJER 1450 AM  
WTUZ 99.9 FM



### Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: Whom should I contact with questions/concerns about transportation services?  
A: Questions specifically related to transportation should be directed to the transportation department at 330-859-8804 or 330-859-8822.
- Q: What about questions regarding discipline?  
A: Questions about discipline should be directed to the building principal and/or dean of students.
- Q: Is it possible to have my child dropped off at a different location?  
A: School Board policy 8600 states that transportation will be provided to one bus stop only. However, an alternate drop-off point may be requested by contacting transportation. This alternate drop-off point must be consistent and **needs to be requested in writing on a yearly basis.** (Email: [julie.hoagland@tvtrrojans.org](mailto:julie.hoagland@tvtrrojans.org) or [mike.spillman@tvtrrojans.org](mailto:mike.spillman@tvtrrojans.org))
- Q: Why do I need to notify the transportation department of an address change?  
A: An address change may affect more than one route, a student's pick-up/drop-off times, and the overall time schedule of the routes. Please notify transportation as soon as possible of a pending move.

**TVLS Board Policy 8600 states: "Kindergarten and Preschool students must have an adult (parent, guardian, designee) present at the bus stop for pick-up and drop-off..."**