



**GUNNISON
WATERSHED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Driven to Be the Difference

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Student Bus Rider Agreement

Please review the Bus Rules with your child!

The Mission and responsibility of the Gunnison Watershed School District's Transportation Department is to provide students with safe transportation from home to school and school to home in a friendly environment to support the District's mission of ensuring that all students are successful.

To accomplish this mission, students must know and abide by specific expectations. Students will be expected to follow their school expectations. These rules are posted on every bus and taught in their classrooms.

Students must be enrolled on their particular route bus in order to ride. Enrollment is strongly encouraged for all students. A parent note allowing their student to ride a different bus is also mandatory and must be submitted to the front office by 2 pm that day. The only exception will be students who ride the activity buses.

All routes are on publicly maintained roads, (State, County, Town). Routes on privately maintained roads will be considered on an individual basis.

Expectations of Parents

Reiterate to your student it is a privilege to ride the bus and privileges may be revoked if students do not follow the rules. If the student cannot verbalize their name and bus stop, they must have that information on them and present the information to the driver. If not, they will not be allowed to ride the bus. The student must be at their bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up. Please have the younger students dress appropriately for inclement weather.

Expectations of Students

Expectations that are posted in each school. There is no eating or drinking on the bus except water and for medical reasons.

Consequences

Discipline will be addressed on an individual basis. Most discipline will be handled by the driver by talking with the students. The Transportation Manager will speak to the student and/or the parent if these expectations are not being met. In extreme situations, the student will lose transportation privileges. Disrespect for the driver or causing unsafe conditions will not be tolerated.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is my kid? They did not get off the bus.

We have not lost a student yet but sometimes the student may get on the wrong bus. Please call their respective schools. If we have a student on the wrong bus, it is our responsibility to call the school before 4:15pm. The child will be returned to the respective school.

What bus does my child ride, where is the stop, and what time will they be picked up?

All route information is on our website under the Transportation link "Bus Routes". For any questions, concerns, or to inquire about adding an additional stop for those who are new to the district, please call the bus barn.

What is the bus barn telephone number?

970-641-7780, Katie Clarke is the Operations Manager and Paul Morgan is the Transportation Manager. He can be reached at 970-596-0450.

Where is the lost and found?

We keep everything on the buses for 1 day then we drop off all items to the Community Schools. Electronic devices are turned into the transportation office.

May my student use an electronic device on the bus?

Students may use an electronic device unless it causes a distraction for the bus driver. The device may be confiscated by the driver.

What is allowed on the bus?

Students may bring school related items on the bus that fits in their backpack or on the student's lap. If the item is creating distractions, the driver may take it away for the remainder of the ride and the student may not be allowed to bring it back on the bus.