

ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2011 – 2012 School Year
Transportation Information

SCHOOL BUS RIDERSHIP GUIDELINES:

1. Be at your bus stop in the morning at least 5 minutes before the bus is due to arrive.
2. When you see your bus approaching, line up in single file and do not start toward the bus until it has come to a full stop and the driver has opened the door.
3. Use the handrail when boarding the bus.
4. You must stay in your seat until the bus arrives at the school and/or your bus stop, and has come to a complete stop.
5. Observe the same conduct as in the classroom.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. How are the transportation eligibility guidelines determined?

- A. Eligibility was established by the community and Board of Education and may only be changed by public referendum.

Q. Who is entitled to school bus transportation?

- A. Bus transportation is provided as follows:
- Transportation will be provided for all kindergarten and first grade students in the district.
 - Transportation for students in grades 2-12 will be provided for those who reside beyond the distances listed for each school building as follows:
HIGH SCHOOL – Distance from home to nearest entrance to school: 1.3 miles.
MIDDLE SCHOOL – Distance from home to nearest entrance to school: 3/10 mile.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – Distance from home to nearest entrance to school: 3/10 mile.

Q. Can a student be delivered to any place other than the bus stop nearest his/her home?

- A. School district policy is to transport a student from the assigned bus stop to school and from school back to the assigned bus stop. If a student misses his/her bus stop, they will be dropped off at their designated bus stop at the end of the bus run. In addition, kindergarten and first grade children **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 kindergarten/first grade child will not be dropped off, and will be brought back to the Wing School.

Q. Can a student be transported to and from an address other than their stop assigned by residence (e.g., a babysitter)?

- A. Yes, if the following conditions are met: 1) An eligible bus stop exists at the requested stop. 2) There is room on the bus. 3) The child is picked up/delivered to a babysitter. This request must be submitted in writing providing the name, address and phone number of the person(s) accepting this responsibility. (babysitter). The Principal must be informed of any change by parent with signature.