

# Transportation Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What time should my student arrive at the a.m. bus stop?**

Students are asked to be at their designated bus stop location at least 10 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time.

### **What if my student's bus is late; a.m. or p.m.?**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, buses may be late occasionally. In those instances, please call Transportation at 520.723.2066 (Coolidge) or 480.474.6861 (SanTan).

### **Can parents ride the bus with their child?**

No, parents may not ride the school bus except when approved as designated chaperone on field trips.

### **How are bus stops determined?**

Stops are assigned by general location of students and must meet state regulations for safety.

Typical stop locations are within subdivisions near parks, common-walls and retention areas. Stops must be at least 50 feet from a signed intersection.

**How do I find my child's bus stop information?**

All bus stop information is available at each school site in mid-July. It is also published in the Coolidge Examiner the third week in July. Updates throughout the year can be found on our website.

**Can my child ride home on another bus?**

Students are permitted to ride only their assigned bus. Rare exceptions for emergencies only must be approved and signed by the school Principal or Assistant Principal. This is for the safety of all of our students.

**Can my child invite friends to ride the bus with them?**

See above

**What if my child left something on the bus?**

Contact Transportation at 520.723.2066 (Coolidge) or 480.474.6861 (SanTan).

**What are the bus rules?**

See Student Code of Conduct booklet, or click on the link on our webpage for Bus Rules in English or Spanish.

**What if my child receives a conduct referral for inappropriate behavior?**

All bus conduct referrals are sent to the school administrator; per district policy the school administrator determines all disciplinary action.

**What qualifications does a bus driver have?**

A school bus driver must be at least 21 years of age, maintain a clean driving record, undergo drug and alcohol testing, pass a physical performance exam, and must obtain a Commercial Driver's License and Arizona school bus certification.

**What training programs do bus drivers attend?**

Coolidge Unified School District school bus drivers exceed the minimum training requirements of the State of Arizona which consists of classroom training, behind the wheel training, first Aid/CPR, and CPI training. They must also attend annual refresher training sessions, and maintain minimum refresher training hours.

**Are there seating assignments on the bus?**

Yes, at the discretion of the school bus driver.

**How many students fit on the bus?**

Each bus has manufacturers' recommended seating capacity, which cannot be exceeded by law. Most of our buses are 84-passenger buses, but we load fewer students when they are of high school and middle school age.

**What if my child misses the bus?**

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