

We are ALL partners in Bus Safety!

Bus Safety

Bus Safety Tips for Parents

- Parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the bus stop safely!
- Clothing can get caught. Jacket and sweatshirt drawstrings, backpack straps and scarves and loose clothing may present a danger if they become entangled as a child gets on or off a bus.
- The most dangerous area is at the loading and unloading areas. Instruct your children to stay back away from the bus until it is okay to board.
- Instruct your children to remain seated while on the bus, and avoid horseplay or being exceptionally noisy.
- Stop for school buses with red lights flashing...even in the school parking lot!

Bus Safety Tips for Students

- Be on time
- NEVER run to or from the bus
- Stand well back from the curb
- Stay in your seat. Keep the aisles clear and keep heads and arms inside windows
- ALWAYS obey the driver. The bus driver is the authority on all school buses. Students are required to follow his or her directions at all times, including on field trip and athletic trips.
- Drivers may change seating from time to time to handle on-bus safety
- Keep the noise level down and avoid distracting the driver
- There is no eating or drinking on the bus
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing the street
- NEVER bend down near or under the bus
- Cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus
- ALWAYS check for traffic both ways before crossing



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Bus Transportation



Quick Reference for Parents
 Out-of-District School Transportation

Questions? Call 626-8390

If you have a question about buses,

please call Transportation Services

626-8390

Our Goal.... *The Williamsville Central School District is committed to providing a safe and economical transportation system for students. During the school year, Williamsville's Transportation Department provides bus service to over 12,000 students who attend more than 100 schools.*

Student Pick-up & Drop-Off

- ✦ In accordance with New York State law, Williamsville establishes bus routes and pick-up points based on the distance limitations set by District policy.
- ✦ Most bus stops are established at street corners and fire hydrants. Consistency and fairness are key standards in implementing this policy.
- ✦ Bus routes are revised every year based on changes in student attendance patterns.
- ✦ The level of service in any given neighborhood may change from one year to the next as students who were eligible for a bus stop move on to higher grades or relocate.
- ✦ The District is responsible for each student from the time the child boards the school bus at the pick-up point until the student leaves the school bus at the drop-off point. Parents are not required to accompany their child to the bus stop or be present at drop-off. However, if you have concerns about your child's safety you are encouraged to accompany your child to the bus stop or arrange for a neighborhood buddy to walk with your child. Parents are responsible for providing supervision that is appropriate to the student's age, the student's maturity, and conditions on the walking route to and from the bus stop.

Distance Requirements for Williamsville Bus Service

- Students in grades K-4 may be expected to walk up to one-tenth of a mile to an established bus stop
- Students in grades 5-12 may be expected to walk up to two-tenths of a mile to an established bus stop

How Measurements Are Determined

To determine eligibility for transportation to an out-of-district private school:

- ✦ Distance measurements are made from the point in a public street or road at the nearest edge of the driveway of the student's home to the nearest entrance of the school building.
- ✦ Measurements are made along the shortest available route, whether or not that is the route the bus will take.
- ✦ Distance is measured using a calibrated mileage meter. For consistency and fairness, the same instrument is used for all distance measurements related to District bus service.

Non-Through Streets & Cul-de-sacs

Non-through streets and cul-de-sacs can present a challenge for school buses. There must be enough space on a court for the bus to turn around, without backing up. In keeping with School District policy and procedures:

- ✦ If a student lives on a non-through street or court that is less than one-tenth of a mile long, or lives less than one-tenth of a mile from the entrance to the court (grades K-4), or two-tenths of a mile from students in grades 5-12, the bus stop will be located at the entrance to the court. Students will be expected to walk to the intersection at the through street.
- ✦ Distance measurements in courts: (a) Are made from the extended curb line of the through street to the nearest edge of the driveway of the house where the student lives. The location of the bus stop is not a factor in this measurement. (b.) Are measured along the most direct path on the roadway. This may include a measurement traveling in the opposite direction around the circle at the end of the court.

Students attending out-of-district schools

In accordance with NYS law, Williamsville provides bus service to resident students who attend private and parochial schools located outside of the school district, up to a distance of 15 miles.

- ✦ The first day that transportation is provided coincides with the first day of classes for students attending Williamsville schools.
- ✦ Williamsville provides transportation in the morning and afternoon. Late buses are not available. Early dismissals will be accommodated only if they are scheduled no later than 12:00 noon.

Application Process

- ✦ An Application for Transportation must be filed by April 1 of the preceding school year. This application must be filed each year.
- ✦ Applications are available at the school of attendance and the Williamsville Transportation Department. Applications are available online.

Severe Weather or School Closing Situation

- ✦ When Williamsville schools are closed because of inclement weather or some other emergency, bus service will not be provided. When the district in which a school is located is closed, or any other Public School District on the route to this District, Williamsville will not provide transportation to any school located within that district.
- ✦ Transportation will not be provided on the following holidays: Columbus Day; Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; Good Friday; Easter Monday; and Memorial Day.

