



Dear Parent/Guardian:

This brochure contains information about Starpoint Central School transportation.

Ridge Road Express bus company services our school district with a fleet of 40 buses; approximately 2,600 students are transported daily.

Students eligible for transportation receive information for the coming school year in late August.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact your child's school office.

Parents, please take time to discuss these rules with your children. Thank You!

Thanks for being a safe rider!

What You Should Know About the School Bus

Starpoint Central School
4363 Mapleton Road
Lockport, NY 14094



ROUTE ASSIGNMENTS

- Students must ride their assigned bus only.
- Bus changes must be requested 7 days in advance of the change and approved by the appropriate school personnel. This includes changes in pickup and drop-off.

BUS BEHAVIOR

- There is to be no fighting or horseplay.
- There will be no immoral acts.

The following are not permitted:

- Foul language
- Excessive noise
- Spitting on the bus or out the window
- Extension of body parts out of the bus window
- Littering on or outside of the bus
- Damage caused by an act of misconduct (This will be the responsibility of the parent and will be payable on request.)
- Smoking or open fires (This is in violation of the NYS criminal law.)

- Eating or drinking

(A specific listing of "Minor, More Serious and Major Infractions" and "Disciplinary Procedures" are available from each school office.)

BUS STOPS

- Students must be outside waiting for the bus **10 minutes before the scheduled arrival time** of the bus.
- Students should be 15 feet back from the road or driveway edge.
- Students, when entering or exiting the bus, must be at least 15 feet from the bus (and back from the road or driveway edge) and out of the danger zone when the bus is moving. This includes parents who walk their child(ren) to and from the bus.
- Do not allow pre-school children and animals to wait too close to the bus stop with the school children.

BOARDING & DISEMBARKING

- All boarding and disembarking must be orderly; no jostling or pushing.
- Students must use front exit only.
- Tampering with emergency exits is forbidden.

SEATING

- All elementary trips, both morning and afternoon, will have driver assigned seating.
- Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion; however, students may line up in the aisle immediately preceding their departure.

CARRYON ITEMS

- All items must be enclosed in the students backpack or bookbag. This includes plants, skateboards, inline skates, baseball bats, etc.
 - No live animals are permitted
 - No glass containers are permitted
 - No toys, trading cards, or video games



IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PASS A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS (from either direction) WHEN THE RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING.

CROSSING RULES

Students are to follow these specific rules in crossing the road at school bus stops. Parents are to reinforce these rules.

ALL STUDENTS MUST REMEMBER

- Students who cross must do so at least 10 feet in front of the bus and wait for the driver to signal.
- When exiting the bus, walk at least 10 feet along the shoulder of the road or until eye contact is made with the driver, before attempting to cross. When eye contact is made, the driver will signal when to start across the road.
- Stop at the left corner of the bus and look up and down the road and then at the driver; he/she will signal when it is safe to continue crossing.
- When you hear the bus horn, a hazardous situation is present. Look to the bus driver for instructions.

All students must obey the above rules in crossing and any person greeting children should not rush the children or tell them when to cross the road.

