

# **The Bus Stop**

## **South Carolina Code of Laws**

### **Title 59 – Education**

#### **Chapter 59 - Transportation of Pupils; School Buses**

#### **Article 3 – Transportation by State or State Aid for Transportation**

### **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFE AND TIMELY ARRIVAL OF CHILDREN TO AND FROM BUS STOP.**

Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety, conduct, and the timely arrival of their children to, from, and at the designated school bus stop before the arrival of the school bus for pick up and transport to school and the timely departure of the children after the school bus leaves the designated school bus stop after transporting the children from school. For purposes of this section, the phrase "arrival of the school bus" includes the time that the school bus assigned to the school bus stop activates the required pedestrian safety devices, stops, and loads or unloads students until the school bus deactivates all pedestrian safety devices.

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- All our bus stops are selected based on Federal/State laws and guidelines, safety, and serving the most riders in an area. In addition, we have a schedule to maintain in order that all our students arrive at school or home at the appropriate time.

**All students are expected to be at the stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time and should be ready to immediately board the bus.** All late arrivals will be warned and/or given a Bus Referral. If the late arrival is infrequent and the student is making a concerted effort to not delay the bus, our drivers are instructed to wait for the student. If however the late arrival is frequent and no attempt is made to not delay the bus, our drivers are instructed to leave the stop as soon as all riders at the stop are safely on the bus. These same instructions apply to students missing the bus at their assigned stop and then expect to be picked up as the bus comes back by the stop on the way out of a development.

Our drivers are not permitted to pick up or drop off students at stops other than their assigned stops unless severe weather is present or a bus stop change request form has been submitted and approved by the transportation department. A driver, during severe weather, may not leave the assigned route, but can make additional stops closer to the student's home.

### **Pre-K through Second Grade Students**

For the safety of primary aged students, a parent/legal guardian or responsible party must be visible to the driver before he/she can discharge a Pre-K through second grade student at home or at the designated stop. Parents/legal guardians are required to be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the expected arrival time of the bus. If no one is visible, the school will be contacted and the child(ren) will be returned to the school for parent/legal guardian or responsible party pick-up.

**Any student that does not ride for 3 consecutive days or more will have to call transportation to have their bus stop re-activated. This will require 24 hours notice.**

### **Electronic Devices**

The use of electronic devices may have an adverse effect on the safe operation of a school bus. If a student's electronic device interferes with the safe operation of a school bus or activity bus, the student will be directed by the driver to put the device away. Failure to comply with driver directive may result in loss of riding privilege.

Safety is always our first consideration. Thank you for your cooperation.