

## PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children **prior** to their pickup by the bus and after leaving the bus at the end of the day. It is the parent's responsibility to accompany their child to the bus stop. Bus stops are not intended to be located at each student's home but located at strategic points for many students. The state of Georgia has specific guidelines that stops should not be located within 1.5 miles of the assigned school, located closer than two tenths of a mile to another stop, that buses should not have to back up, and that school buses do not have to go into subdivisions or down roads that are not longer than a half a mile from the main road. Where feasible in subdivisions the school system will use clubhouses and/or intersections where groups of students can wait for the bus safely.
2. Parents are responsible for providing supervision at bus stops that is appropriate to the student's age and maturity.
3. Troup County System staff does not assess all possible **walking** routes to and from bus stops, supervise these routes, or guarantee the safety of any particular route. Staff will assess walking routes for unusual hazards when concerns are brought to their attention by walkers, parents or others.
4. Parents should impress upon their children the need for good behavior and observance of safety precautions while riding the bus.
5. Parents of special needs students are required to assist the student on and off the bus at his/her stop.
6. Parents of Pre-K through second grade children should arrange for the student to be met at the bus stop after school if they are eight years of age and under. If a bus driver realizes that a child's parents or guardians are not at the stop and the child is eight or younger, they will be returned to the stop later in the route if possible, brought back to the stop on a middle or high school route later in the day or returned to their home school. If a parent knows they will not be at the stop, please call the school and let them know so your child is placed in after school care and not transported home on the bus. If you will be home but would like your child to walk home without your presence at the stop, you may fill out a waiver to allow your child to walk home alone. This is not advised but left up to the parent to make that decision.
7. Parents of students not eligible for transportation per Board Policy or state law will be responsible for their own Transportation. If you elect to enroll your child in a school and waive transportation due to controlled choice, you will **not** be eligible for transportation to your controlled choice school. If you move you should contact your school and the Parent's Center at (706) 812-7900 to ensure that your child is eligible for transportation to your child's school. Transportation does not provide services to all schools in each school zone from all addresses within the zone.
8. Parents please take note when selecting a home to purchase or rent. Just because you choose a home in a specific school zone, does NOT mean that transportation will be provided to all elementary schools in that zone. You can call the Parent's Center, your child's school or the Transportation Department for a choice of schools for that address.
9. Parents should ensure that all student information and/or changes are sent to the school in a timely fashion.

## **Bus Routes**

1. Bus drivers **cannot change** bus routes or designated stops without authorization from the
2. Bus routes are established to assist eligible students to attend schools using designated stops.
3. Parents are responsible for supervising their children and selecting their children's walking route to and from bus stops.
4. Buses operate only on roads that are properly maintained and considered safe and appropriate for school bus travel. There are roads in Troup County that school buses do not travel on usually due to road service, inadequate turn around or roads that are too narrow.
5. Bus routes are not established for the purpose of delivering students to their individual residences.
6. Exceptions can be made for certain special education students.