

## Transportation Information

As the school year approaches, please be advised of important transportation information. Annually, buses are re-routed to address changes in ridership and provide efficiencies. Bus routes may not be the same as last year, bus stop locations and times may have changed, and students may walk further to get to bus stops.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get students to and from designated bus stops safely and to monitor their student while at the bus stop.

Parents/guardians of kindergarten students must be waiting at the bus stop to receive their student at drop-off time.

Buses tend to run late the first few weeks of school and during inclement weather. Students should arrive at the bus stop location approximately (5)five to (7)seven minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.

Buses will not wait or return for late students.

On Late Start Tuesdays, all buses will arrive at designated bus stops approximately one hour later than the normal schedule for all K-12 students.

If you have not yet done so, please complete the Student Transportation Request Form for the 2017-2018 school year on the adjacent page or online at [www.oakridgeschools.org](http://www.oakridgeschools.org)

It is important for us to receive this form whether or not your student will be riding a bus. Transportation information will be mailed home to students in grades K-5 the week of August 28th. The form will be available during middle and high school orientations and can be accessed via the PowerSchool Parent Portal under Transportation. Be sure to check out the Transportation web page for important information such as: bus passenger safety information, transportation forms, parent letter and FAQ's.

[www.oakridgeschools.org/Departments/Transportation](http://www.oakridgeschools.org/Departments/Transportation)

Communication is an important aspect of transportation. We will work together to provide students with a safe environment at all times. We appreciate your support and cooperation and look forward to transporting your child during the upcoming school year.

## **BUS TIPS**

The following transportation tips will assist students:

- Arrive at bus stop 5 to 7 minutes prior to bus arrival time
- Stand 15 feet from roadway
- Drivers will not wait
- Three students per seat
- Appropriate behavior is expected
- Wait on the home side of road until red flashers appear and driver displays paddle signal to cross
- Carry-on items must remain on student's lap
- Video cameras may be in operation on school buses
- No bus passes will be given allowing students to ride a bus other than the one they are currently scheduled on