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Glenn Barrington Middle School

Dear Parent:

The safety of students is the number one priority of the Transportation Department. Students living two or more miles from the assigned school and exceptional education students with specialized transportation need to qualify for transportation services according to state statute. Students living within two miles may qualify for transportation due to hazardous walking conditions as defined by the State.

Students who are eligible for pupil transportation services are assigned to a specific bus and stop. Students must use the bus stop of record that coincides with their residence and are not authorized to ride other buses. Parent notes authorizing a student to ride a different bus are not accepted. Requests due to a family hardship or emergency must be submitted to a school administrator for approval by the principal and the General Director of Transportation or designee.

If a student boards at an unauthorized stop or on an unauthorized bus, the driver will notify a school administrator who will contact the parent. If the student continues unauthorized boarding, a disciplinary referral will be submitted to the school administration. Furthermore, disciplinary issues will be addressed immediately. Students that do not adhere to the safety expectations will be subject to consultation with parent/guardian and disciplinary referral.

Students will be encouraged to stay socially distanced while at the bus stop. This must be a joint education effort between families and school personnel. We encourage that a mask or shield to be worn, if students are not able to social distance from each other while on the bus and at the bus stop.

If you need further information on the bus routes, you can view on our school's website. Moreover, within the first week of school, bus routes will be added. If you need further information, please contact Barrington Middle School.

5610.04 - Suspension of Bus Riding/Transportation Privileges

Students on a bus or other authorized Board transportation vehicles are under the authority of and directly responsible to the vehicle driver. The driver has the authority to enforce the established regulations for vehicle conduct. Disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the authority of the driver may be sufficient reason for refusing transportation service to any student.

A student may be suspended from vehicle riding privileges for all or part of a school year for any violation of established regulations for school vehicle conduct and/or for conduct occurring on the vehicle in violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

Before a suspension from vehicle riding privileges is imposed, the principal or site administrator will provide a student with notice of an intended suspension. Disciplinary suspension periods will be commensurate with the infraction(s) committed as determined by the Code of Student Conduct.

Any additional procedures regarding conduct on school vehicles as well as general information about the school transportation program will be made available to all parents and students. F.S. 1006.07, 1006.10

Thank you,

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CONSEQUENCES AND INTERVENTIONS

WARNING LETTER TO PARENT AND AP

- **AP WILL CONTACT PARENT**
- **2ND INFRACTION- PARENT CONTACT AND 1 DAY REMOVAL OFF THE BUS**
- **3RD INFRACTION- PARENT CONTACT AND 3 DAY REMOVAL/ESE – ISS**
- **CONTINUED DISRUPTION – BUS PRIVLEDGES REVIEWED OR REMOVAL UNTIL MEETING WITH PARENT**
- **DRUGS, BULLYING, FIGHTS, WEAPONS- VIDEO RETRIEVAL-REMOVAL OFF BUS, IN THE EVENT THE INFRACTION JEAPORDIZES THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND DRIVER.**

Transportation

Students have the right and responsibility to:

- School bus transportation, if they live two (2) miles or more from school
- Transportation that may be provided for elementary students who live within two miles of the school if hazardous conditions as outlined by Florida Statute 1006.23 exist
- Transportation as determined by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Stand off the roadway while at bus stops
- Wait for the bus driver to signal them across the roadway
- Walk 10-12 feet in front of the bus while attempting to board the bus
- Keep valuables at home, as the school district nor the bus driver can be held responsible for personal property brought on school buses
- Follow safety procedures and wear seatbelts when available
- Ride only the designated bus, and enter and exit the bus safely at designated stop
- Not carry onto the bus any glass items, balloons, weapons, skateboards, live animals, plants or sharp instruments.
- Personal belongings must be held on a student's lap
- Remain seated in seat assigned to them by the driver
- Sit all the way down and back, facing forward, with arms and head inside the bus at all times
- Keep aisles clear
- Obey rules and be courteous
- Refrain from using profanity, causing disruption, fighting, or destroying property
- Be silent at all railroad crossings and when requested by driver
- Not throw objects on the bus or out the windows
- Not eat, drink, or smoke on the bus
- Use the bus stop assigned based on the address of record
- Cooperate with safety patrol officers
- Obey the rules established by the bus driver, the bus attendant and the IEP team
- Respect the rights of the other student passengers and adults on the bus
- Be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the designated pick-up time
- Inform the bus driver or attendant of any personal needs
- Communicate to parents/guardians or school administration any concerns related to transportation services
- Wear bicycle helmets as required by law
- Securely lock the bike while at school

The school cannot be responsible for lost or stolen bicycles. The school safety patrol contributes to the safety of children on the school grounds, buses and at bus stops. (Elementary)Responsible students are chosen to be members of the patrol. Their role is one of assistance and direction in areas where dangers or hazards exist.