

Transportation Policies and Guidelines 2024-2025

Board Policy

BOARD POLICY EEA STATES:

“Buses carrying school children will be considered extensions of the school environment. **Any student whose conduct on a school bus is improper or jeopardizes the safety of other students may have his or her right to school bus transportation suspended for such period of time as deemed proper by the superintendent, building principal, or designee.** Uniform rules of conduct and disciplinary measures will be enforced.”

BOARD POLICY EEAC STATES:

“The safe transportation of district students to and from school is to be of primary concern to school officials in the administration of the school bus program of the school district. All state laws and regulations pertaining to the safe use of school buses will be observed by drivers, students, and district personnel. All school buses used to transport children shall be inspected by an official inspection station during the month of August or prior to operating the vehicle during the school year as required by law. Furthermore, all school buses which meet specific weight and structural requirements must be equipped with a crossing control arm as required by law.”

Guidelines for Safe Transportation

In order to transport children safely to and from school each day, as well as on school sponsored trips, it is very important that parents and children understand that there are certain requirements that must be followed for a safe and enjoyable ride. Any offense committed by a student on a district-owned or contracted bus shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student’s assigned school. In addition, bus privileges may be suspended or revoked. Any assignments missed due to bus suspension will be unexcused.

Students must observe the rules for safe student transportation and follow the directions of the driver in a prompt and courteous fashion. The bus driver is responsible for the safety of the students and the bus at all times. **He or she may assign students to specific seats, contact parents for assistance, or refer students to the principal for disciplinary action.**

Bus Conduct Rules

Regulations for safe bus riding from the Missouri Transportation Laws, Regulations, and Standards that pertain to the Cassville R-IV School District are as follows:

- Each student is to conduct himself in an orderly and courteous manner, similar to student classroom conduct.
- Students are to take their seats and remain seated at all times until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Students shall not, at any time, extend arms or head out of bus window.

- The bus driver is in charge of the students and the bus at all times, just as a classroom teacher is during the school day. Students must observe the directions of the driver and obey the driver promptly and courteously.
- The bus driver has the responsibility and authority to request students to follow the regulations and to assign students to specific seats.
- Students must have a note from parents that is to be turned into the office, to ride buses other than normal or to get off at a stop other than normal.
- The school's authority for student safety and orderly behavior begins when students leave their home in the morning and continues throughout the entire transportation process and only ends after the student has reached his/her home after school.

Procedures

In addition to the preceding guidelines, we ask that children be at the bus stop no earlier than ten (10) minutes before their bus is scheduled to arrive in the mornings.

Students who fail to observe these rules will be subject to disciplinary action, **since their failure to do so may affect the safety of others**. A student who misbehaves will be reported by the driver to the principal. Failure to follow bus conduct rules and regulations may result in detention, ISS, school suspension, or suspension of the privilege of riding the bus. In the event of disciplinary action, efforts will be made to contact the parent or guardian as to the disciplinary action taken. In the case of bus suspension, other means of transportation should be arranged so the student can maintain his/her attendance in school.

It is the desire of the Cassville R-IV School District to provide the best possible student transportation in an efficient and economical manner, and we ask for the cooperation of each parent and each student in this endeavor. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at any time.

The Cassville R-IV School District has developed a system of procedures to assist parents in communicating questions, problems, and/or other concerns with the school. These procedures will help maintain effective lines of communication between the parents and school. These procedures will be used for discipline referrals, bus policy changes, behavior conferences, parental questions, parental concerns, and parental grievances. These procedures are not meant to be all encompassing. Some issues may require steps to be bypassed in order to maintain an effective, safe school transportation program.

Step 1 – Bus Driver

Step 2 – Building Administrator

Step 3 – Transportation Department

Step 4 – Superintendent

Phone Numbers

Transportation Department	847-2317
Primary School	847-2445
Intermediate School	847-4010
Middle School	847-3136
High School	847-3137
Superintendent	847-2221

Disciplinary Actions

Grades K – 5

Positive Behavior Support System (PBS) will be followed when students are referred to the office.

- **First Offense**
Conference with student/loss of recess
- **Second Offense**
Write bus rules and placed on probation/loss of recess
- **Third Offense**
Short term bus suspension (1-3 days) or In School Suspension
- **Fourth Offense**
Short term bus suspension (3-5 days) or In School Suspension
- **Fifth Offense**
Short term bus suspension (5-10 days)
- Additional bus problems may result in long term suspension or permanent removal from the bus.

Grades 6 – 12

- **First Offense**
Principal/Student/Parent Conference
- **Second Offense**
2 days Detention
- **Third Offense**
4 days Detention and Transportation Suspension
- **Fourth Offense**
1-5 days ISS and Transportation Suspension
- **Subsequent Offense:**
10 to 180 day transportation suspension plus possible ISS or OSS

Additional bus problems or severe offenses may result in long term suspensions. In severe cases, the 1st through 3rd steps could be bypassed.

*The assertive discipline plan will be followed in most violations of the Bus Conduct Rules. However, the building administrator will examine each case individually and adjust the consequences as deemed appropriate.

Bus Routes 2023-2024

Bus #5: Susie Clark

Kings River Beach, Akin' Back, 39 Hwy., Foxwood, Lohmer Tower

Bus #6 Becky Matthews

Hwy. 39 to Cassville on 76/86 Hwy., 112 to town.

Bus #7: Brian Atkinson

Fasco Rd., Lucky Strike, behind 4/Way, Security Bank, Sunset Heights, 1st Street, Hillcrest Apts., Rene Corn's (baby sitter)

Bus #8: Marie Iiams

Route North & West of Butterfield, also part of Hwy. 37 North and Presley Drive. Sherwood Forest.

Bus #9: Cindy Holman

Log Church, Hwy. Y to Star City (both sides Hwy. Y) to Oak Ridge Area, then Flat Creek Trailer Park to school.

Bus #10: Cheryl Stockton

AA Hwy., Pasley Area, South 37 Hwy, back up 37 Hwy. to school.

Bus #11: Laci Naugle

C Hwy., Willow Branch, Cross Hollows, Oak Ridge, Hwy 248 to Chinquapin Woods by city ball park to school.

Bus #14: Rob Gray

Eagle Rock, CC Road, to E.R. Post Office, F Hwy. to Roaring River, Fisher Lane, Horner area, Hwy. 76 to Hilltop & Hwy. 112-7 Valley Motel, Southern Hills to school.

Bus #15: Neil Dent

Hwy. M to Mano, Big M, Hwy. E to Hwy. 86, Horner, Hwy. 112, County Farm Rd to school

Bus #16: Regina Robbins

Hwy. 86, Faulk Ridge, returns on 86 Hwy. –East of town to Horner Road, Bates Corner, Forest Grove in on Mineral Springs Road to school– includes Kelly Dickson's (babysitter).

Bus #17: Ben Reuter

North on Hwy. 37 to Butterfield (picking up in Butterfield), Kathy Drive, 14th St., 11th St. to school.

Bus #18: Sandy Hammond

Y Hwy., Black School, East & North of Butterfield, Shady Grove, Hwy. 37 North of town, delivers around Surplus City to school.

Bus #19: Jenny Taylor

Carr Lane to Kings River Bridge to Golden, County Farm Road to Hwy 37 to School.

Bus #20: Misty Truman

Mineral Springs area, part of 248 Hwy., Wildwood, 13th St. and Ellison Apts. to school.

Bus #21: Gene Robbins

Jenkins Quick Stop—248 Hwy. to EE—Jenkins School —248 to town — school.

Bus #22: Tracy Tucker

Whispering Pine, Carter School, Bel Voir Acres, Emerald Beach, J. Hwy., Ball & Prier to school.

Bus #23: Robert Espinoza

Airport Road, Antioch, Hog Farm, Patty Johnson's Stoney Point, Hwy. 37, Old Exeter Rd., God's Little Kingdom, Tess Elliott's to school.

Bus #24: Marvin White

Kings River Pines, RA hwy., Arrow Point South of Post Office, Ball & Prier to Hwy. 86, L & L Texaco, to school.

Bus #25: Gary Thompson

County/State Line Rd., Eagle Point, Cedar Slopes, Mitchel Plaza, up to 86 Hwy. to Roaring River Road, through State Park, Hwy. F, then 112 Hwy. to school.

Vo-Tech: Regina Robbins

Cassville High School to Monett Vo-Tech. Monett Vo-Tech to Cassville High School.

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