

# Bentonville Public Schools

## Department of Transportation



# Transportation Guidelines

It is the purpose of the Bentonville Public Schools Transportation Department is to provide the students that live within the Bentonville Public Schools District safe **and timely** transportation to school the mornings and home or the Benton County Boys and Girls Club again in the afternoons.

To assist us in achieving this goal we depend upon parental support and cooperation in ensuring that students safely arrive on time to and from the assigned bus stop; help our students understand the rules and expectations of riding our school buses and the consequences of misbehavior.

**IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO RIDE A BPS SCHOOL BUS, NOT A RIGHT.**

## **STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION**

To be eligible School Bus transportation students must:

- Currently reside **within** Bentonville Public Schools district boundary.  
Students must register to ride a BPS School Bus by calling the Transportation Office at 254-5080
- Reside **within** the attendance zone for the school which they attend.
- Reside **outside** the “walk” zone assigned for their school attendance zone.
- Abide by the “Basic and Safety Rules for Bus Riders”
- Abide by the “Bus Stop Location Guidelines”
- Abide by the “At the Bus Stop Guidelines”
- All new students to the district (including Kindergarten Students), must receive a **BUS PASS** from their individual school (through Transfinder), after registering to use the BPS School Bus service with the Transportation Office.

## **BUS STOP LOCATION GUIDELINES**

All stop locations **must be** approved by Transportation Office.

All stop locations are subject to review, and change of location determined by the Transportation Office.

All stop locations will be located within the Bentonville School District boundaries.

Home to stop distance may be up .6 (six tenths = about five to seven city blocks) of a mile.

There must be 300 feet between bus stops unless approved otherwise by Transportation Office.

Bus stops **will be** located at

- A corner intersection.
- The middle of a long block.
- Home address for isolated areas.
- Home address for rural two lane highways.

Bus stops **will not be** located at

- Major intersection (4-way stop)
- Intersection controlled by a traffic signal.
- Within 300 feet of a traffic signal.
- At a place of business or daycare.
- Multi-lane road with / or more than three lanes.
- Any location that causes the bus to back or turn around (if possible).
- Any location determined by the Transportation office to be unsafe for students to wait or load.