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DoDEA Student Transportation

The mission of the DoDEA Student Transportation Program is to provide safe, reliable and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities, and to support instructional programs by delivering students safely, on time, and with a mind set for learning.

School bus transportation is an important facet of the educational experience. The school bus is the first and last thing many of our students experience and it shapes how their day begins and ends. The following information will help your student get the most out of their school bus experience.

Our agency is dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all students attending DoDEA Schools. The school districts are committed in providing their community schools with safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities. Assistance will be given in the areas of driver training, funding, equipment specifications and purchases, interpretation of laws and regulations, and routing.

We are committed to provide professional services to ensure the quality of service expected by the military services. Every effort will be made to keep our services in the forefront of the quality, safety and efficiency expected.

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General Transportation Guidance

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[DoDEA Administrative Instruction 4500.02](#) - Student Transportation Services

Students are responsible for:

Complying with the behavior standards for school bus students and with the general behavior standards. Obeying the instructions of bus drivers, DoDEA personnel, and military officials. Attending and completing school bus safety training sessions when offered by the school or military installation.

School Bus Registration

NOTE FOR PARENTS: Please make sure to visit the School Bus Office servicing the community schools. Both a parent and all students needing transportation should be present to register for transportation, receive a bus pass (usually with the student's picture), and to receive information or briefings on the route(s) stops and schedule, bus safety, and behavior standards and discipline rules.

Other Transportation Info

Walking Distances

The walking distance for grades 5 and below will not normally exceed 1 mile from their primary residence to the school or designated bus stop. Students in grades 6-12 may walk up to 1.5 miles from their primary residence to the school or designated bus stop. These distances may be slightly expanded or contracted to conform to natural boundaries such as housing or neighborhoods.

Student Transportation / Daily Commutes

This is defined as the transportation of students from their assigned bus stop to school at the beginning of their school day, mid-day, and the return to their assigned bus stop at the end of the normal scheduled school day. Maps illustrating bus stops and commuting zones are available at the base housing office and the STO office.

Only one trip to and from school per day is authorized for each student.

Transportation is not authorized to take students to their homes or to eating facilities for their mid-day meal.

Only students attending DoDEA schools, bus drivers, dispatchers, STO personnel, assigned safety/security attendants, community bus monitors, and security personnel assigned by the installation commander are authorized to ride daily commuting services. Additional authorized passengers are U.S. Military Police and host

nation police while in the performance of their official duties, and persons authorized in writing by the DoDEA Principal or his or her designee, the contracting officer, or the student transportation office.

Other Student Transportation Authorizations

Daily round trip transportation may be provided to students residing outside the commuting area but are transported at their own expense to an existing school bus stop within the commuting area.

Non-federally connected, space-available, tuition-paying students may be permitted to utilize school bus commuting services on a space-available basis. Even though space-available service may be initially provided, it may be withdrawn at any time.

Off Base Transportation Availability

Transportation is available for many off base housing areas around installations with schools, however before signing a lease for an off base house please check with the STO to ensure transportation is available in that area for the school you plan your child to attend. If a family accepts housing outside of the approved commuting zone for a school then the parents relinquish their student(s)' space required eligibility for bus transportation.

A map and/or narrative description is used to identify the commuting area for each school is available at each STO.

Lost Items

If your child leaves something on the bus please call your local STO. All buses are checked for items left by the students after each trip. Items not claimed in a reasonable amount of time will be appropriately disposed.

Please go to your local STO to replace a lost school bus pass.

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