

# Transportation information for parents

## Letter from the Transportation Department

Dear patrons:

If you have children attending school in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, the following information may assist you. Letters indicating approximate bus pick up times and stop locations will be mailed to parents by Aug. 11, 2008. Rising fuel costs along with budgetary constraints has prompted the need to revise the bus route plan. In order to continue to provide appropriate levels of service and operate with financial efficiency, the number of bus stops for secondary students has been reduced. Compared to 2007-2008, the distance secondary students walk to their bus stops has increased.

Transportation service for daycare providers and sitters within your child's established attendance zone has also been scheduled. Additionally, please watch for bus stop information to be available through QUICK LINKS, choose BUS STOPS on the district's website at [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net) on or after Aug. 11.

Please have your child at the bus stop at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time the first day of school. For the first several days you may experience delays. Certain bus routes may need to be adjusted during the first several weeks of the school year and your patience is most appreciated. Please allow time for schedules to become more consistent, after which time it is suggested to have your child at their stop five minutes prior to their regular stop time.

Buses are provided to transport students to and from school from their home or daycare provider within the established attendance zones.

Students are not permitted to ride another bus (other than regularly assigned) for any reason other than a family emergency. Students should provide a note to their school from a parent/guardian stating the reason for the requested exception. A special bus pass will be issued at the school.

The Transportation Department establishes regular morning and afternoon bus stops. Students should be picked up and dropped off only at these stops. An increase in the number of stops increases the chance of a hazardous situation and decreases the efficiency of the route.

Middle school and high school late runs are an abbreviated service provided to students participating in school related after-school activities. This service is not intended to return students to their regularly assigned stop and was created to assist parents by returning students to a close proximity to their home. Students will be returned to their subdivision entrance or a centrally designated area near their home. Stop information for late-run service is available at your child's campus.

The Bus Safety Rules are printed in this publication for you and your child to review. Please discuss your child's role in making the ride to and from school safe and expeditious.

We look forward to transporting your student the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 25, 2008. If we can assist you in any way during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact your closest Transportation facility.

Sincerely,

CFISD Transportation Staff

## BUS RULES

### DRIVERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ASSIGN SEATS.

A copy of these safety rules is posted in each bus.

1. Listen and follow driver instructions.
2. Sit properly with your hands and feet to yourself.
3. Keep belongings in your lap.
4. Talk quietly and use courteous language.
5. No eating or drinking allowed.

### KEEP YOUR BUS CLEAN—USE THE TRASH CAN.

Please note...

Band instruments on the bus can be a concern. The policy is to transport them if the student takes the instrument to his/her seat with him/her. Instruments cannot be allowed to block the aisle, service stairs or emergency door.

Any type of object carried onto the bus that the driver determines may be dangerous or cause student disruption may be refused. Animals are not permitted. There should be no glass brought onto the bus.

### CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY.

When boarding your bus follow the 10-foot rule:

- **STAY** on your side of the road, far away from the traffic;
- **WAIT** for the bus to stop and for your driver's signal to cross;
- **CHECK** traffic **both** ways, and then check again;
- **CROSS** by walking directly across, checking traffic **both** ways; and
- **WALK** approximately 10 feet in front of the bumper, and board the bus quickly.

When leaving your bus follow the 10-foot rule:

- **WALK** along the side of the road until you can see the driver;
- **STOP** and wait for the driver's signal to cross; and
- **WALK/LOOK** for traffic in **both** directions, crossing the road quickly after all vehicles have stopped.

## ATTENTION PRE-K PARENTS

No pre-kindergarten student will be dropped off at a bus stop on the *noon take-home route* unless there is a responsible caretaker there to receive the student.

In the event a parent or guardian is *not* waiting at the bus stop for the child, the bus driver will *return* the child to the school and the parent will be called to pick up the child at school.

The *only exception* to this practice would be when an approved *Parent Release* form has been executed.

## Any Questions?

The following designates a breakdown of Campus Assignment to Transportation Centers. Please feel free to contact the respective Transportation Center with any transportation-related concerns, comments, questions or needs you may have for your student. All Transportation Center hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Barker Cypress Center 17522 Liner Lane 281-463-5978	Eldridge Center 7600 N. Eldridge Pkwy. 281-955-4935	Falcon Center 11430 Falcon Road 281-897-4380	Telge Center 11010 Telge Road 281-897-4565
Cypress Lakes HS	Cypress Falls HS	Cypress Creek HS	Cy-Fair HS
Cypress Springs HS	Cypress Ridge HS	Jersey Village HS	Cypress Ranch HS
Langham Creek HS	Dean MS	Bleyl MS	Cypress Woods HS
Aragon MS	Labay MS	Campbell MS	Arnold MS
Hopper MS	Truitt MS	Cook MS	Goodson MS
Kahla MS	Watkins MS	Dean MS	Hamilton MS
Thornton MS	Bane ES	Adam ES	Spillane MS
Andre' ES	Bang ES	Danish ES	Ault ES
Copeland ES	Fiest ES	Emmott ES	Birkes ES
Duryea ES	Hairgrove ES	Francone ES	Black ES
Hemmenway ES	Horne ES	Frazier ES	Farney ES
Holmsley ES	Kirk ES	Gleason ES	Hamilton ES
Jowell ES	Lee ES	Hancock ES	Keith ES
Lieder ES	Lowery ES	Holbrook ES	Lamkin ES
McFee ES	Metcalfe ES	Matzke ES	Millsap ES
Postma ES	Owens ES	Moore ES	A. Robison ES
M. Robinson	Post ES	Reed ES	Sampson ES
Sheridan ES	Tipps ES	Willbern ES	Warner ES
Warner ES		Yeager ES	
Walker ES			
Wilson ES			