

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are my children eligible to ride the bus?
 - Elementary students (kindergarten through 6th grade) are eligible to ride the bus if their primary residence is one and one-half miles (1-1/2) from their assigned school.
 - Secondary students (7th through 12th grade) are eligible to ride the bus if their primary residence is two (2) miles from their assigned school.
 - These guidelines have been established by the Utah State Legislature and the mileages are measured by the transportation supervisor with a calibrated electronic measuring device for consistent accuracy.

2. Where is the bus stop and what time is my child to be there?
 - Bus stop information can be found at www.nebo.edu/transportation. Look for the Transfinder I icon.
 - For additional information, call the Transportation Dept. at 465-6005.

3. Would you take my child to child care?
 - We have been able to transport students to child care if they have met certain criteria:
 - There is a bus route into the area
 - There is room on the existing bus for the child
 - No additional stop is required for the child
 - The transportation is provided on a DAILY basis and the stop is the same location each day.
 - Application for such service may be applied for at the District Office in the Operations Dept. on Form #530.3. No service will begin until the application is approved and the appropriate bus driver has been informed by the Supervisor of Transportation.)

4. May my student ride home with a friend, to a birthday party, to piano lessons, etc.?
 - The Nebo School District policy states: “No requests for varied busing services will be considered, i.e., transportation to birthday parties, music lessons, scouts, study groups, employment, etc”.
 - Bus students are to ride only their assigned bus. A student may get off his/her assigned bus at another regularly scheduled stop if they have a note of permission from their parent/guardian.
 - In an emergency, when a principal has made parent contact, they may send a note with the student to ride a different bus on a one-time only basis.

5. What is the disciplinary process in the transportation department?
 - The Board of Education desires that all children who are assigned to ride on a school bus act in a responsible manner. The children are instructed by the bus driver as to what is expected of them in order to constitute a safe ride for all.
 - Failure to obey the rules of safe and courteous conduct will result in the issuance of an “Incident Report” (referred to as a ticket).

6. What do the yellow and red flashing lights mean on a school bus?

- The alternating flashing yellow (or amber) light is a warning signal. The operator of any vehicle, when meeting or overtaking any bus with the amber lights flashing, shall slow his vehicle, but may proceed past the school bus using due care and caution at a speed no greater than that used in school zones (20 mph).
- The alternating flashing red light signals that children are unloading from a school bus to cross a highway, or when a school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading children who must cross a highway to board the bus, or at any other time when it would be hazardous for vehicles to proceed past the stopped school bus. Vehicles may NOT pass a bus when the flashing red lights are on. Please help keep our children safe by not passing a bus with flashing red lights.
- The operator of any vehicle upon meeting or overtaking a school bus which is displaying the flashing red lights visible from front or rear, is to stop their vehicle immediately before reaching the bus and may not proceed until the flashing red light signals cease operation.

7. Why am I not allowed to park in school bus zones?

- School bus zones were created for safely loading and unloading children. One might think that in the middle of the day after school is in session, it would be okay to park where it is more convenient. The thing to remember, however, is that many schools have kindergarten students bussed to and from school in the middle of the day or there might be field or activity trips where a bus might need to get in to pick up or drop off children. When there are cars in the bus loading lane, the drivers are either forced to try to maneuver around the cars or load and unload children on the street. Either option could compromise the safety of your children.
- For the safety of all children, the Utah State Legislature has enacted a law stating, “A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle other than a school bus, whether occupied or not, in a clearly identified school bus zone.” The minimum fine for occupying a bus zone is \$50. Bus loading zones are now in effect 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR WHILE RIDING ON SCHOOL BUS

It is the desire of the Nebo School District Board of Education to have all children who are assigned to ride on a school bus act in a responsible manner. It will be the policy of the Board to set forth guidelines to be followed by students, parents, bus drivers, principals, and the Transportation Department. The following administrative procedure must be followed by all patrons using the school buses.

- The driver is in full charge of the bus and its passengers. He/she is charged with the responsibility of safely conveying the students to their respective destinations. It is necessary, therefore, to have rules and regulations governing the students riding the bus.
- The rules of conduct for the school bus riders are listed but not limited to those below. Each student will:

1. Obey promptly and respectfully the directions of the bus driver or supervisor.
2. Sit properly in their seats.
3. Not throw objects out of the windows or within the bus.
4. Keep their hands and feet to themselves.
5. Not shove, push, or fight.
6. Not eat or drink on the bus without the driver's permission.
7. Not smoke, use, or exhibit any flame producing objects on the bus.
8. Not open windows or emergency doors without driver's permission.
9. Not place any part of their bodies outside the bus windows.
10. Not litter or clutter the aisles.
11. Not tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
12. Not be loud, boisterous, vulgar or profane in words or actions.
13. Not leave the bus except at their regular stop without written permission from parent/guardian.
14. Pay for damage to the bus through acts of vandalism or other incidents resulting in damage.

Parents, please review the bus rules with your children so they will understand the importance of following rules to ensure safety on the bus. We hope your children have a positive experience on the bus each day.

Thank You,

Nebo Transportation Department