

Transportation

All resident pupils attending district public schools are entitled to bus transportation from a designated bus stop.

Bus transportation will be limited to designated bus routes and bus stops only. Students must use only their assigned bus stop. Kindergarten, first and second-grade students will only be released to parents, guardians or an authorized adult using “Parent Authorization to Release at Bus Stop” form found on the district’s website. If the K-2 child has an older sibling(s) on the same bus, they may be permitted to get off the bus with their sibling(s).

Bus stop assignments will be on the Parent Portal prior to the opening of school. Any questions regarding bus stops or bus scheduling should be addressed to the Transportation Office at 631-730- 5070, Fax: 631-730-5095; kcassell@3villagecsd.org. (Policy: 8410)

CHILD CARE: For long-term child care purposes only, permission to take a different bus to and/or from school may be granted by the Transportation Department with advance written request from the student’s parent or guardian. The child care provider must be listed on the emergency contact card.

In the interest of student safety, the Board of Education requires all school buses be equipped with seat belts. (Policy: 8414)

Passing a Stopped School Bus

PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE WHEN NEAR A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS! ALWAYS BE ALERT FOR CHILDREN!

Section 1174 of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits vehicles from passing in either direction a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing, indicating students are boarding or disembarking. Once stopped for a school bus, you may not drive again until the red lights stop flashing. This law applies on all roadways in New York State. You must stop for a school bus even if it is on the opposite side of a divided highway. The Three Village CSD now participates in the Suffolk County Stop Arm Camera Program. If you pass a stopped school bus while the red lights are flashing, it will take a picture of your vehicle and send you a \$250-\$300 fine. In addition, if you are convicted of three such violations in three years, your license will be revoked for a minimum of six months.

A Reminder to All Parents/Guardians: Non-Public School Transportation

Requests for transportation to private/parochial schools must be received in the Transportation Office no later than April 1 of the prior school year by state law. In addition to new residents, this requirement applies even if your child attended a private/parochial school in the previous year OR your child is changing schools. Eligibility is subject to the same minimum distances as public schools AND to a maximum of 15 miles per voter mandate.

School Bus Companies: Articles Left on School Buses

If an article is left on a school bus, you may call the appropriate bus company.

Suffolk Transportation Corp631-732-3200

BOCES Regional Trans631-472-6480