
Panhandle School District Transportation Q & A

My child goes to a babysitter or daycare. Can they be picked up and/or dropped off there?

Yes, if the babysitter or daycare is rural, or located in a designated hazard area in town.

My husband and I share custody. Can our children switch back and forth between parents for transportation?

Yes, all we ask is that the school is made aware of these types of situations at the beginning of the school year or as soon as they arise, so we can assure there is a spot for the student on the designated buses. However, we will try to stick to the 1 – 1 rule. We try to prevent students from being on several bus's due to overcrowding and limited space.

My child is having a sleep over with her girl scout group. Can 5 of her friends ride the bus home with her?

No, due to limited space on the buses. We ask you plan for later in the evening or plan to have someone pick the group up at the school.

My child is having a sleep over with a friend tonight. My child rides bus 9 and wants to go with a friend home on bus 12, will this be okay?

No, due to limited space on the buses. We ask you plan for later in the evening or plan to have someone pick them up at the school.

Yes, ONLY with the exception; if each student already rides the same bus.

Parents/Guardians of each child must notify the school of this change.

My child doesn't ride a bus but wants to go home with their friend. Will this be okay?

No, due to limited space on the buses. We ask you plan for later in the evening or plan to have someone pick them up at the school.

I am sick and can't get my child off their bus in Raymond, can they ride the bus to Harvel?

We ask for you to plan for someone to pick the child up at the school. We will try to accommodate the best we can.

My child rides Bus 9 but her grandma will be picking her up afterschool. Will this be okay?

Yes. Please notify the school of this change.

Due to my work schedule; on Monday and Wednesday I need my kids to go (or pick up from) their grandmas in Farmersville. On Tuesday and Thursday, I need

them to go (or pick up from) their babysitters house in Waggoner and on Fridays (pick up or drop off) home in Raymond. Is this okay?

No, we ask you to please call the students school of these types of situations. We will try to do the best we can to accommodate getting kids to and from school. We do ask that each family to keep transportation to a minimum of 1 pick-up location and 1 drop-off location, to prevent any confusion of the student, staff or bus drivers, and for the safety of our students.

I ran a school bus stop arm. What will happen?

Illinois state law states for the first offense you will be fined \$300 in addition to a license suspension. A court may order you to attend traffic safety school and/or perform community service. For each addition offense fines are harsher.

How can you prove that it was me that ran the stop arm?

All bus's in the Panhandle School District are equipped with high efficiency stop arm cameras with recorded GPS and light activation tracking. The cameras clearly pick up the description of the vehicle, license plate and driver.

My child doesn't have time to eat breakfast at home. Can they bring their breakfast and drink onto the bus?

No, to prevent messes, and food can be a choking hazard. Students are asked to have ONLY bottled water. Any food or other types of drinks will be asked to be put away in their book bag or placed by the driver until students exit the bus. Students are allowed time to eat breakfast as soon as they arrive at school.

Can my child bring water on the bus?

Yes. We ask all water bottles be tightly sealed to prevent spills and major messes on the buses and on other students.

What are the bus rules I need to discuss at home with my child?

- No eating or drinking on the bus (With the exception of water only in a tightly sealed bottle)
- No profanity or harsh words
- No fighting with others
- Keep hands and feet to themselves
- Sit facing forward in their seat at all times
- Keep all belongings and themselves clear of the aisle
- Students must get on and off the bus at their designated/assigned bus stop
- Keep all their items in their book bags to prevent anything being left behind
- Keep toys, make-up, pocket knives etc. at home.
- Be kind to one another

What happens if the bus were involved in an accident?

The drivers have evacuation protocols they are to follow. Students are not allowed to leave the scene of an accident until school administration releases them to go with a parent or guardian.

What would happen if my child has a medical emergency on the bus?

Our drivers are trained in CPR/AED and First Aid care. All buses are equipped with First Aid kits. Driver protocols will be followed.

****Please direct any other questions to your child's school office or to the bus garage @ 217-229-4215**