

Dear Parents:

WCPSS has practices into place for the 2017-18 school year with the goal of improving bus service for families.

Families new to Wake County enrolling in school who will be first time users of bus service in 2017-18 are required to request transportation service. Our Data Manager should have helped you request transportation at the time of enrollment. These requests must be completed by July 24th for your child to receive first day service.

If your transportation eligible child will be riding the bus from the same address as last year, you do not need to take action. If you need to update bus service, please go online to www.wcpss.net/busrider

Families are assigned transportation to their address of record. Please visit www.wcpss.net/parents/transportation for more information. Joint custody dual bus stops requests will be reviewed by WCPSS Transportation Department beginning September 26, 2017. Approvals are for the current year only.

The buses serving A. B. Combs will be color coded and labeled again this year. You will need to give the drivers at least a ten minute leeway on the scheduled arrival times. For example, if your child is scheduled to be picked up at 7:40 am, the bus may be as early as 7:30 am or as late as 7:50 am. This is due to the uncertainty of traffic. Hopefully, after the drivers do the routes a few times, they will be able to give you a more exact pick-up time.

In the event that a bus is delayed we will tweet out updates on the Combs Twitter Account: @combscatchup Updates to the twitter feed are also synced to our new website, www.wcpss.net/combses

Every bus rider is required to have a permanent tag for their bookbag. Tags for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be red. Grades 2-5 will have yellow tags. Combs will provide students with the correct tag. Please make sure this tag remains on the outside of your child's bookbag.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's stop, you may visit the WCPSS transportation website, www.wcpss.net/transportation. Your child's safety is a top priority for us. We ask you to join us in our efforts to ensure a safe and pleasant ride on our school buses by reviewing the following rules with your child.

Students should:

- 1. Be on time. The bus cannot wait for you.**
- 2. Wait at the bus stop without running around or playing.**
- 3. Wait for the bus's stop sign, the stop arm to extend and for the driver to signal you to come towards the bus.**
- 4. Enter and exit the bus without pushing or crowding.**
- 5. Show respect to the driver at all times and accept his/her authority.**
- 6. Talk in a reasonable tone of voice to the people near you.**
- 7. Find a seat and stay in your seat - keep all body parts inside the bus.**
- 8. Not eat or drink on the bus.**
- 9. Avoid littering on the bus. Never throw anything.**
- 10. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.**



Bus drivers have a tremendous responsibility for operating the bus and maintaining good

behavior of the students in their care. Since students' inappropriate behavior can distract the driver, we are asking that drivers let Mrs. Summers or me know immediately if there is a problem. Continued or serious misconduct may lead to the following:

- First offense - Warning letter to parent
- Second offense - Suspension from the bus for one to five days.
- Third offense - Suspension from the bus for ten days.

Thank you for helping us get off to a great start with school bus safety. Please feel free to call me at 919-233-4300, if you have additional questions about transportation. See you soon.

Kelly Wilson, Assistant Principal