

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR...THE FIRST WEEKS:

The first weeks of school can be a bit confusing, difficult and challenging to all involved. Most of the children (and drivers & DA's) are anxious and happy to board the bus and get back to school. Some may need to be reminded about school bus safety as they ride to and from school. Some may need to be reassured about leaving their mothers. The initial contact between parents, children and the bus driver must be a positive one. One of the biggest challenges you face is trying to balance being helpful to the parents and maintaining your route schedule. While parent's concerns are important, it is also important for you to get to school bus stops on time. That in itself can be challenging, considering the six conditions of driving: Roads, Traffic, Weather, Light, Vehicle and Driver. The school bus is the first part of the school system that most parents see. For some it will be the only part they see and will become their first impression of the school itself. A clean, well-maintained school bus will give them a favorable impression of school, our Company and you as a driver. Maintaining a clean bus is a matter of safety. Be prepared from the start. This includes fueling the vehicle the day before and always completing a pre-trip and post-trip of the vehicle.



COVID POLICY: We will be using the same COVID protocols we used in June:

- Drivers & DA's must wear a mask on the bus.
- DA may use the face shield at their discretion.
- All students must wear a mask on the bus as per CDC guidelines.
- Red disinfectant spray bottles will be used by the driver to spray down the high touch areas on the bus.
- Create ventilation on the bus by opening roof hatches and windows on each side of the bus.
- The seat behind the driver will remain empty.
- Electro-magnetic sanitizing of buses will be done monthly.
- Each yard has a supply of PPE if needed.

"PICK BAG": Please take the time to review the information you receive at the pick. The bag you receive will contain information to common questions such as...fuel terminal hours, who is my supervisor, what weeks am I eligible for unemployment, how do I get paid, district calendars, Route Code Key, Left & Right blank sheets, Incident Reports, Rules & Regs, seating charts, department contact information and much more.



DRY RUN: Know your run! Looking for street signs and addresses with a bus load of students can only lead to trouble. Always use the vehicle assigned to the route to perform the dry run. Company uniform and ID badge must be worn during your dry run. Conduct a very detailed pre-trip inspection: is the unit clean inside and out, is everything working, do you have a broom, fire extinguisher and a full tank of fuel. Route signage should be placed in the passenger side window and the rear window opposite the "P" sign for parkway usage. Navigate through the AM Route (stops to the school(s), mid-day route (if assigned), PM Route (school(s) to the stops and late trips. A dry run should be done at the time that you will be on the road for your route so you can see what traffic is like at that time of day. Driver assistants are required to do the dry run with the driver.



Our Facebook spotlight this week is all employees who worked throughout the summer! Enjoy the remainder of your summer & THANK YOU!

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud"