



BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Need to Change Your Child's Bus Schedule?

When children go somewhere other than home after school, or are picked up at the campus during or after school, please follow this procedure:

Put it in Writing -

Written notification **MUST** be sent to school with the child, giving the time he or she will be picked up or the home where the child will be going. (The office has had problems with telephone requests due to the inability to identify the person calling. With custody disputes and child abduction cases a possibility, written permission is a better way to handle these requests.) **THE NOTE MUST BE SIGNED.** It will become a document of record which Barker Central School is required to keep. The office will issue a blue slip for the teacher and bus driver.

Elementary, Jr. and Sr. High School Blue Slips -

Blue slips for bus changes, early dismissals and the like will be written for students who bring in a note from their parent or guardian. Be sure to include appropriate information that will help school personnel ensure that every child is properly accounted for and sent on the proper bus to the designated address on the correct day.

Elementary Students Need a Note to Walk or Bike to School -

If you want your elementary school children to walk or ride their bicycles to and from school, please have them bring a note to the elementary office. Please remember that New York State Law requires that children under age 15 wear approved safety helmets when riding their bicycles.

Discuss Bus Safety With Your Children -

Three bus drills are held each school year to familiarize students with bus safety. However, parents can reinforce these concepts by talking with their children about school bus safety.

Waiting for the Bus -

Students should be ready for the bus at the side of the road (standing off the pavement) at least five minutes ahead of time. They should wait and watch for the bus in an orderly fashion.

When the Bus Arrives -

Students should not approach the bus until it stops. They should board the bus in an orderly fashion with small children boarding first where a large group is waiting. The driver is in charge and may direct passengers where to sit.

The Ride -

Passengers should remain seated while the bus is in motion and do nothing that will disturb or distract the driver. They should keep their head, arms, and hands inside windows at all times. Windows are not to be opened without permission from the driver.

Arriving at School or Home -

All bus riders should remain seated until the bus stops, then leave the bus rapidly, but in order. If a child must cross the highway after leaving the bus, he or she should do so before the bus moves and at a point at least 10 feet in front of the bus, looking to the right and left before crossing. The law says "no cars shall pass a school bus when it is loading or unloading," but some cars do -- so watch out!

Stop for Blinking Lights -

It is illegal to pass a loading or unloading school bus on private roads or in parking lots. Bus drivers will display flashing red lights as they do on public highways.