Crooksville Exempted Village School Bus Stop Practices

Crooksville EVSD will follow the Ohio Revised Codes to establish the safest and most efficient school bus stops. The safety of our students is the top priority of our district. We have adopted the following practices for school bus stops:

Practice

Our school buses will not travel any road less than ½ mile unless in town and traveling certain routes. In-town and some out-of-town students will be required to walk up to ½ mile to and from the bus stops.

LAW

3301-83-13(B) Walking to and from the bus stop

Students in grades Kindergarten through 8 may be required to walk up to ½ mile to and from the bus stop.

Students 9-12 may be required to walk up to ½ mile to and from the bus stop.

Practice

To avoid overloading and causing dangerous transportation, your student will be assigned a specific bus stop and is required to use that bus stop. No student may use another bus stop without permission of the Crooksville Transportation Department.

LAW

3301-83-13(5) Assigned school bus

Each pupil shall be assigned and required to use a specific school bus stop except in unusual circumstances as approved by the school bus owner or designee.

Practice

School bus stops are the most dangerous places for our students, so to provide the most protection for our students we require "A Place of safety" at our bus stops. Each student will be waiting in this place at least 5 minutes before the bus arrives to avoid students running and potentially falling around or under the bus. This is so the driver can account for the students upon arrival. The students are required to wait in this place until the bus leaves so the driver can account for students. This allows the bus driver the ability to see their students and know they are safe.

LAW

3301-83-13(6) Designated place of safety

Each student will be assigned a designated place of safety on the resident side of the roadway on which the vehicle is scheduled to stop. The Bus Driver must account for each pupil at the designated place of safety before leaving the stop. Pupils are not to proceed to their residence until the school bus has departed.

Practice for K-2nd Riders

To protect our early riders K-2nd we require someone to be at the bus stop to receive these students. If someone is not there to receive these students, then our bus driver will not release them and will call the school to have them call the contacts listed in their profile. Students may be brought back to the school where parents or guardians will be required to pick them up.

Sitters are required to be at the bus stop and able to communicate with the bus driver to insure all students are accounted for. Some students can fall asleep or may not get off the bus. This will protect our students and families from undo stress and scare.

Riders loading and unloading with the approved Hand signal

Practice for the Hand signal

All students will be required to wait for the approved hand signal before loading and before crossing when unloading the bus. The approved hand signal is the driver holding their hand up, make eye contact, check for traffic, then dropping their hand straight down. This procedure will protect your student in the event of a vehicle running the red lights on the bus.

Law

3301-83-13 (C) (6)

The driver must use an approved hand signal and eye contact with students outside the bus where students are in the process of loading and unloading.

Crooksville Exempted Village School District School Bus riding Practices

Students riding the bus Practice

All students, staff, and chaperones must sit in the seat facing forward and keep the aisle clear. No student may stand or walk on the bus when it is in motion.

LAW

3301-83-18(A)(C)

Seating shall be provided that will permit each passenger to sit in a position which will provide maximum protection by the barrier.

No person shall stand while the school bus is in motion, with the exception of bus aides and driver training staff, in the official performance of their duties.