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Notes about *Notes* from the Pupil Transportation Department

On rare occasions, it may be necessary for a student to ride home on a different bus than the one to which they are assigned. During prior years, it has been our practice to accept notes from both sets of parents involved (both sending and receiving) allowing one student to ride home with another student at the Building Principal's discretion either for play dates or homework help, or at times, for daycare purposes. As budgets get tighter and gas prices rise, our ridership continues to increase making it more and more difficult to schedule a reasonable number of students per route and our current, critical driver shortage is not helping.

In an effort to maintain as reasonable a number of students on a bus as possible, the Pupil Transportation Department can no longer support the practice of students casually riding on another student's bus whether they have a note or not. We feel it is important that only eligible students ride buses and that they ride only the bus to which they are assigned.

We understand that situations will arise that may make it necessary for students to ride on a different bus and we will consider such exceptions. For instance, we would ask that in situations where parents may be out of town for a period of time and their student is staying at a different address; that they notify their school and the Pupil Transportation Department as early as possible prior to their departure.

In cases where students are working on a project together and must ride home together for that purpose we would ask that parents contact the Pupil Transportation Department prior to the day this needs to occur to determine if there is room on the bus.

It is important that we know who is riding our buses.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continue to safely and efficiently transport your students to and from school each day.

Brendan Paul Wagner
Director of Pupil Transportation