



# Lewistown Public Schools Transportation Department

Our Mission Statement is:

“We are dedicated to  
the safe transportation  
of students  
In a responsible and  
professional manner.”

Dear Parent:

We are pleased to be transporting your child to and from school this year.

Lewistown Public Schools is very proud of the safety record of our school buses and the professionalism of our transportation team.

Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

- Provide your child with a backpack or book bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children get off of the bus; they are prone to try and retrieve dropped items which could place them in danger.
- Check the child's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items. Long drawstrings or other dangling items could get snagged in the bus door as they as the child gets off of the bus, and should be removed from clothing.
- Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop five minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it, or run in the road.
- Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.
- When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding.
- Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the driver and result in an accident.
- Review the Parents Transportation Handbook with your child.

It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. If anything makes your child feel unsafe at the bus stop or on the bus ride, please contact us at the transportation office, rather than trying to discuss it at the bus stop.

We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children. Thank you!

Steve Klippenes, Transportation Director

Parents:  
Important School Bus Safety Alert  
*HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN  
AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL*

Please talk to your children about these school bus Danger Zones safety rules:

- ✓ Stay away from the Danger Zones around the bus (the area 10 feet around the bus in all directions). If you can touch the bus you are too close.
- ✓ Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus – the bus driver might not see you.
- ✓ Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT  
NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A CHILD'S LIFE

