

# Transportation Department gives rules

### Welcome Back from your Transportation Department!

We are excited to provide transportation services to our school district! This year, like other areas of the system, we have some big changes. We have worked diligently on the reconfiguration of bus routes to align with school location and start/end time changes. I know many of you have questions about buses and routes, and hopefully many of them will be answered for you.

Students in grades kindergarten through 6th (elementary and middle) will ride the bus together, while grades 7 through 12 will ride together. We ask that you be patient with our drivers during the first couple of weeks of school. It would be helpful if you would help your child learn their bus number and driver name before school begins. To obtain this information, visit the transportation table at your child's Open House. We will have approximate pick-up and drop-off times as well.

Again, during the first few weeks of school, please be patient with our drivers. Our goal is to deliver students safely to school and return them home safely to you in the afternoon. We are always in search of great bus drivers! If you are looking for a fulfilling opportunity to help mold our children, please call the transportation department at 706-253-1727.

### What we want Parents to know

As parents of our students, we want you to know three things about our transportation rules:

- 1) Your child may only get on the bus at their assigned stop. If they miss the bus, you will need to transport to school. They may not catch the bus at the next stop;
- 2) Discuss the Bus Safety section of the Pickens County Schools Student Code of Conduct; and
- 3) Many students are allergic to certain foods and cologne/perfume smells. We ask that these items be avoided on the bus.

### What we want our Students to know

It will be a great year on the school bus! We are excited that you will be with us. Here are some things to keep in mind each time you ride:

- 1) The same rules apply on the bus as they do at school. Riding the bus is just an extension of the building. You should use an inside voice, electronics must have headphones/ear buds, and carry no object larger than 18x24;
- 2) Drivers will give assigned seats. Please find your seat quickly and remain seated back-to-back and bottom-to-bottom; and,
- 3) Arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before your scheduled stop and make sure all of your personal items are inside your backpack.

### Final Thoughts

We look forward to a great year! Help us in working together to provide the safest possible ride to and from school. Your children are our precious cargo!



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2018-2019			Pickens High School Varsity & JV Basketball Schedule				
Date	Day	Opponent	Site	V-Girls	V-Boys	JV-Girls	JV-Boys
8-Nov	Thur	Girls Scrimmage	TBA	TBA			
13-Nov	Tues	Forsyth Central	Home	6:00	7:30	4:30	4:30
17-Nov	Sat	ETC Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	n/a	n/a
19-Nov	Mon	ETC Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	n/a	n/a
20-Nov	Tues	ETC Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	n/a	n/a
27-Nov	Tues	@ Heritage	Away	6:00	7:30	n/a	4:30
30-Nov	Fri	Ridgeland	Home	6:00	7:30	n/a	n/a
4-Dec	Tues	Cedartown	Home	6:00	7:30	n/a	n/a
7-Dec	Fri	@ Lafayette	Away	7:00	8:30	4:00	5:30
8-Dec	Sat	Dragon Dinner & Chatt Tech					
11-Dec	Tues	Gilmer	Home	6:00	7:30	4:30	n/a
14-Dec	Fri	NW Whitfield	Home	7:00	8:30	4:00	5:30
18-Dec	Tues	@ SE Whitfield	Away	6:00	7:30	n/a	4:30
20-Dec	Thu	Christian Heritage	Home	6:00	7:30		
21-Dec	Fri	@ Dawson	Away	7:00	8:30	4:00	5:30
27-Dec	Thur	Nettes @ Carolina Invitational / Dragons @ Model	Away				
28-Dec	Fri	Nettes @ Carolina Invitational / Dragons @ Model	Away				
29-Dec	Sat	Nettes @ Carolina Invitational / Dragons @ Model	Away				
3-Jan	Thur	Dawson	Home	6:00	7:30	3:00	4:30
5-Jan	Sat	@ Forsyth Central	Away	6:00	7:30	3:00	4:30
8-Jan	Tues	Heritage	Away	6:00	7:30	4:30	n/a
11-Jan	Fri	@ Ridgeland	Away	6:00	7:30	n/a	n/a
18-Jan	Fri	Lafayette	Home	7:00	8:30	4:00	5:30
22-Jan	Tues	@ Gilmer	Away	6:00	7:30	n/a	4:00
25-Jan	Fri	@ NW Whitfield	Away	7:00	8:30	4:00	5:30
26-Jan	Sat	@ Christian Heritage					
29-Jan	Tues	SE Whitfield	Home	6:00	7:30	4:30	n/a
4-Feb	Mon	Region Quarterfinals					
5-Feb	Tues	Region Quarterfinals					
7-Feb	Thur	Region Semi-finals					
8-Feb	Fri	Region Finals / Consolation					