



# Chippewa Valley Schools Pupil Transportation Department

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## A Message from Pupil Transportation: Bus Stop Etiquette

Here at Chippewa Valley Schools we take pride in providing **safe** and **reliable** transportation for more than 11,000 students each day. To provide this level of service we depend on our caring and skilled drivers and the cooperation and commitment of our parents, students, and the entire school community.

The Pupil Transportation Department occasionally receives phone calls from residents who have bus stops in front of their homes. The major concerns that have been brought to our attention involve student and parent behavior and a lack of regard for homeowner property.

As always, we will continue to address specific bus stops, however, please review these general guidelines regarding bus stop "etiquette."

### Please remember the following:



- Although we expect students to be waiting for the bus when it arrives, **students should not arrive any earlier than 5 – 10 minutes before their scheduled pick up time.** We have observed bus stops where students are arriving as much as 20 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time. In these cases, having students unsupervised for that length of time can sometimes pose problems.
- **While waiting for the bus, students should remain on the sidewalk or public area.** Students and those waiting with students should not congregate on lawns, driveways or other private property. In some cases, we have received reports of individuals trampling new lawns and flowerbeds, and otherwise damaging property.
- **Please Do Not Bring Pets to the Bus Stop.** Many children and family members are afraid of dogs so as friendly as your family pet may be, please be courteous to those who are not comfortable around dogs of any size. Additionally, residents have indicated droppings are sometimes left behind.
- **Please take care not to litter while waiting.** Residents have indicated in some cases that candy wrappers and cigarette butts are sometimes left behind. In other words, please be considerate of the homeowner's property. No one wants to have to clean up after others.
- **Please keep noise to a minimum.** Speaking in conversational tones should not disturb residents around the stop, however, yelling, practicing cheers, etc., can be bothersome.
- **PARENTS - Please do not use the homeowner's driveway to park or turn your vehicle around.** Also, for safety reasons please do not park in such a way as to impede the bus as it continues on the route. **We have also received calls about headlights and engine noises and exhaust waking up residents as well as vehicles blocking driveways preventing homeowners from exiting.**
- **PARENTS – As you see the bus approaching your stop, have your student exit your car ready to board the bus.**



Please be considerate of your neighbors who have not asked to host a bus stop at their home. *There have been instances where we have been **forced to eliminate a bus stop inside of the subdivision and move it to the main road** in order to avoid problems like those mentioned above. We appreciate your cooperation and your consideration for your neighbors.*