

# BUS INFORMATION



Bus run schedules will be available at the August registrations at each school. Schedules will also be posted on Wyoming Public School's website ([www.wyomingps.org](http://www.wyomingps.org)) after August 1.

## BUS ROUTES AND STOPS

Safety is the most important factor in transporting WPS students. The following information is offered to help make transportation safe and successful.

1. Bus stops and routes are established on the basis of safety, efficiency, the age of students, and in accordance with the State laws, recommendations, and School Board policy. Bus stop locations must avoid as much traffic as possible. Stops shall not be on a hill or before or after a curve. Buses shall be visible in both directions when stopped.
2. It is each parent's responsibility to get her/his student to and from the school bus stop safely.
3. Bus stops shall not be located on cul-de-sac streets. The Michigan Department of Education recommends that backing of a school bus shall be avoided whenever possible.
4. Students should arrive at the bus stop and be lined up ready to be loaded on the bus five minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus. This will allow time to catch the bus but not enough time for problems to arise among students. Bus departure times are subject to change. PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR STUDENTS UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES.
5. By state law, students MUST cross in front of the school bus. They will receive instruction on proper crossing procedures from bus drivers. PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHO MEET STUDENTS AT THE STOP SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE AND ALSO FOLLOW THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY RULE

## WALK AND RIDE POLICY

Students may find it necessary to walk some distance to their designated bus stops or to school. In compliance with state laws, Wyoming Public Schools walk/ride policy is:

- Elementary School students, grades K-4, may be expected to walk up to 1/2 mile to school or up to 1/2 mile to a bus stop.
- Intermediate School grades 5-6 may be expected to walk up to 3/4 mile to school or up to 3/4 mile to a bus stop.
- Junior and Senior High School students, grades 7-12, may be expected to walk up to 1 mile to school or up to 1 mile to a bus stop.

Upon request by a parent/guardian, the district may approve transportation for an individual student regardless of residential distance from the school if a travel route is judged to be hazardous, as deemed by the district or if other extenuating circumstances exist.

NOTE: Once a student boards a bus, they must remain on that bus until they reach their final destination.

**The Danger Zone is the 10-foot area around the bus. The bus driver can't see you when you are in the Danger Zone. If the bus starts moving while you are in the Danger Zone, you could get dragged under the bus.**

## CROSSING PROCEDURE

Please review these important safety procedures with all of your children. Parents who escort their children to and from the bus must set the example for their children and also adhere to these important safety procedures when crossing. Everyone needs to know that not all cars stop as required by state law, even when the red lights are flashing on school buses.

### When crossing the street to board the bus:

1. Students wait in a group at the designated bus stop at least 10 feet away from the edge of the roadway and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
2. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily.
3. Students proceed directly across the road, always staying well in front of the bus, and board the bus.
4. Do not stop in the middle of the street or cross behind the bus.

### When crossing the street after leaving the bus:

1. Students will exit the bus and take 10 steps straight out from the side.
2. Students stand in a group and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
3. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily. Red means "STOP" DO NOT CROSS STREET and Green means "GO" IT IS SAFE TO CROSS THE STREET.
4. Students proceed to a point even with the left side of the bus and stop.
5. Students look left and right for passing cars.
6. Students look to the driver for instruction to complete the crossing.
7. Do not cross behind the bus.
8. If a paper or article goes under the school bus, always ask the bus driver for help.
9. Do not get mail from roadside mailboxes until after the bus leaves the stop.
10. At all times stay out of the "BUS DANGER ZONE".

## MICHILD HEALTHY KIDS PLAN FIRST

### *Do you need health insurance for you or your children?*

MICHild is a health insurance program. It is for uninsured children of Michigan's working families. MICHild services are provided by many HMOs and other health care plans throughout Michigan.

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Apply online in less than 30 minutes!

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Or call 1-888-988-6300  
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### 1 on 1 MENTORING INITIATIVE

The One Wyoming 1 on 1 Mentoring Initiative was launched on February 2, 2012 with our first collaborative meeting held between city leaders, school leaders, church leaders, and business leaders of Wyoming at Grace Bible College.

Our goal is to have 10% of our kids having a 1 on 1 mentor that will help them develop a stronger vision for a positive and prosperous future. We will engage every person, and organization of Wyoming to be part of this major program.

#### **1 Mentor — 1 Mentee 1 hour per week — 1 year commitment**

We will give you all the tools necessary to be a successful Mentor. Take the first step today by visiting our website [ [www.onewyoming.org](http://www.onewyoming.org) ], or stop one of our schools for a copy of the mentor application.

*The collaboration of Wyoming businesses, parents, churches, schools, and community leaders, coming together as one to connect our youth with positive adult mentors so they can be tomorrow's leaders.*