



BackPack Express

A message from the superintendent



With school starting this week, please note the following busing tips.
Thank you!



Parents please keep in mind that bus route times may not be exact. Drivers will be learning their new routes, and students' names. Drivers will also be teaching students their 'place of safety' at the bus stop as well as safety rules for riding the bus. Newly enrolled students may be added to the original routes and this can change the pickup and drop off times for students. **Current road construction in areas of Piqua may cause delays and/or rerouting of buses.** Finally, parents sometimes have questions for drivers or want to take photos of their child the first week of school. This can slow things down. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience while we work through the first two weeks of transporting students to and from school on the bus. Safety will be our number one priority. Thank you for your understanding! ☺



While at the bus stop we ask that students and parents respect other people's property. Please do not block driveways if you drive your children to the bus stop. Students please do not go on to porches or other people's property. Students please do not play tag games or horse play at the bus stop. Please stay out of the street or roads while waiting. Please maintain a reasonable noise level at bus stops. We ask that students please stand at their place of safety that is identified by the bus driver. Thank you for being respectful toward others.



Students are required to follow all rules while riding the bus or riding privileges may be revoked. Students are reminded that eating, drinking, or chewing gum can be a choking hazard and is therefore prohibited on the bus. Students are to be seated properly with hands and arms inside the bus at all times. Aisle ways must be clear. It is important that conversations be kept at a low volume so drivers can hear and communicate to riders as necessary. Profanity, bullying, or fighting on a bus or at the bus stop are strictly prohibited. Disrespect toward a bus driver will not be tolerated. Students are asked not to verbally or non-verbally communicate to other drivers on the road while riding on the bus – you are representing Piqua Schools and inappropriate behavior toward other drivers will be disciplined. Behavior that results in disciplinary actions at the bus stop or while on the bus may be administered by the driver, transportation personnel, principal, police, or other school personnel.



Parents are reminded not to step on to a school bus. Parents may stand by the door to ask a bus driver questions or contact the transportation office at 773-1560 or the building principal in which your child attends for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation!