



THE BIG YELLOW BUS IS HERE

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Screeeeech! Crash! Those are the two sounds that your transportation company avoids at all costs!

Children's safety and security are the most important responsibilities in providing door to door transportation services to Family Child Care homes. Clarifying expectations is the key to a safe, successful and smooth start of a new school year. We offer the following ideas for drivers, providers, parents and children. For everyone's sake, let's keep the big yellow bus, and the small white van, rolling along for a smooth ride.

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Together we can be on time! Providers and parents need to communicate their needs with the drivers and their management team. Pick up time changes must be communicated clearly and in advance so that everyone's expectations are met.

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Children can only be dropped off with the primary or emergency contacts whose names appear on the Transportation forms. Sorry! No exceptions. Always safe, never sorry.

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No one wants to hear the blaring of the bus horn. Calling all adults: make sure that your children are ready for the bus. Drivers will not "honk" every day to alert you of their arrival: consider this our peaceful neighborhood policy.

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Cell phones? Not when driving. Emergencies will be handled but drivers may have to stop the bus to answer a call and then pick up and drop off times will be affected. Please save your calls for urgent matters only.

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Finally, children's "stuff" should be in bags that are marked with the child's name, and should be packed so the contents stay where they belong. So let's pack it, zip it, clip it, lock it, and stow it!