

School Bus Transportation

Maple Lake Schools

All regular school bus transportation (including bus pick up times and locations) for Maple Lake ISD #881 will remain the same as the past school year. If you have moved over the summer to a new residence or are new to the school district, you must call M & M Bus Service, Inc. at 963-2060.

Policies regarding student discipline, bus stops, special pick ups and drop offs, and daycare requests will remain the same as past years. All parents whose children will need to be transported to any other location other than their home must fill out a TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORM EVERY NEW SCHOOL YEAR. Forms can be obtained at M & M Bus Service, 520 Division St. West, Maple Lake. The offices are open from 7:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday.

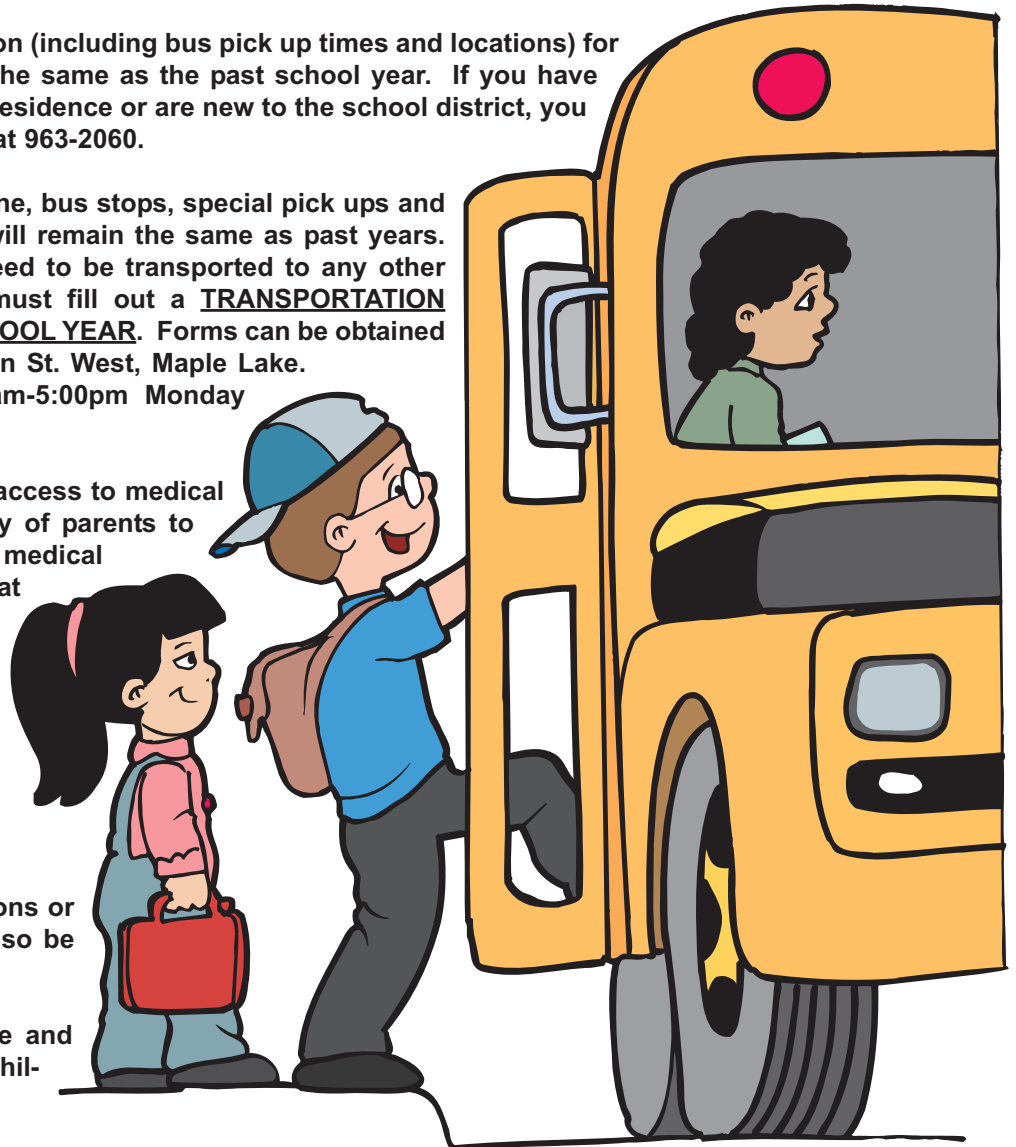
Due to the HIPPA Law, restricting access to medical information, it is the responsibility of parents to notify the bus company of any medical conditions your child may have that the company should be aware of. This notification must be provided in writing.

Please mail the notification to:

M & M Bus Service
P.O. Box 754
Maple Lake, MN 55358.

Any special transportation, questions or concerns you may have should also be directed to the M & M office.

We look forward to providing safe and efficient transportation for your children this year.



**520 Division St. W.
Maple Lake, MN 55358
320-963-2060**

ISD District 881 • Transportation Rules

Ridership

All eligible students in District 881 will receive transportation to school based upon their legal residence. Eligible riders are students living more than one mile away from their school or have to cross what is defined as a persistent hazard by the school district.

Safety Equipment

All school buses operated by M&M Bus Service meet Minnesota and DOT Standards plus carry additional equipment including back-up alarms, strobe lights, lights on the stop arms and two-way radios. Buses are inspected daily by the driver and maintenance staff. Buses are inspected annually by the MN Dept. of Public Safety to assure they meet or exceed equipment standards to transport all students safely.

Parents' Roles

Each year M&M travels hundreds of thousands of miles transporting students to and from school related activities. Our goal is to accomplish this task with the utmost safety and efficiency. Bus drivers highest priority is to drive the students to and from home safely. Safety awareness about the school bus should begin at home.

At-Home Training Points for Parents

- Stress the importance of remaining seated and quiet while the bus is moving.
- Train your children to not **assume** traffic will stop for red flashing lights. Many motorists fail to see or simply ignore the warning lights. Always look for the driver's signal before crossing the roadway.
- Have your children dress properly for inclement weather. Vehicles can be delayed under such conditions. Proper dress will keep them comfortable if a delay occurs. Bright colors will make them more easily seen as winter brings dark mornings and snow piles around bus stops.
- Establish a leave time to get to the bus stop. Departing a few minutes early will assure they make it to the bus on time. This allows the bus to maintain a consistent time schedule.

Safety Tips

Waiting

Wait quietly away from traffic.....Students should wait a minimum of 10 feet from the roadway. No horseplay.

Wait until the bus door opensNever push or shove. Never run toward your bus.

Loading

Quickly take your assigned seat and remain seatedMake room for other students.

Unloading

Remain seated until bus stopsStaying seated is the safest way to ride the bus.

Go directly into your school or your homeDo not loiter around roadways, curbs, or go to retrieve your mail.

Move ahead of the bus to crossThe driver must always be able to see you.

Wait for the driver's signalThe driver will signal when it is safe to cross roadway.

Students shall only exit at their designated stopStudents must have prior written permission to get off at an alternate stop.

Riding

A safe and pleasurable ride can be accomplished with the full cooperation of students and drivers. This includes a discipline policy which Independent School District 881 and M&M Bus Service have adopted to deal with behavior problems. The following steps are necessary for the driver to keep the bus safe, orderly and clean.

- Follow the driver's instructions - His/Her full attention must be on driving safely.
- Avoid behavior that could cause discomfort to another student and/or the safe operation of the bus.
- No throwing of anything.
- No abusive language, harassment or fighting.
- No food or drink on the bus.
- No pets or animals on the bus. Parents are not allowed to ride on regular routes.
- No general abuse of the bus - Students (or parents) will be held monetarily responsible for vandalism.

Students who choose to disregard these safety rules will be handled as follows:

First Incident: Verbal Warning

Second Incident: Note sent home to be signed by Parent

Third Incident: A 3-5 day suspension from the bus and a conference with parents, bus operator, and building principal

Physical Assault will be an automatic 5 day suspension

Further incidents will result in longer suspensions.



Minnesota Law States: Bus riding is a privilege - Not a right.