

2021-2022

Student Transportation Request



Goldstar Transportation is proud to partner with the Kennedale ISD to provide bus transportation for eligible students. To register your child(ren) for transportation, please provide the following information. **Both papers MUST be signed and returned before the student is allowed to ride the bus.**

Once your request is processed, which could take up to 5 school days from receipt in our office before your child(ren) may ride, to allow parents to be notified of any changes.

To receive transportation students must live more than 2 miles from their registered campus.

Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone #: _____ Home Cell

Work Phone # _____ Email: _____

Student Information:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Campus: _____ ID # _____

Sibling(s):

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Campus: _____ ID # _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Campus: _____ ID # _____

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My child will ride the bus:

- A.M.
- P.M.
- BOTH

Please email the form, along with the signed Bus Code of Conduct form to KISDdispatch@ridegst.com.

About Goldstar Transit

Student Transportation for the Kennedale ISD area is proudly run by Goldstar Transit, a national corporation recognized as a leader in the student transportation business and part of the Student Transportation of America family. We are concentrated solely, on partnering with schools across Texas and North America to ensure the students arrive safe, on-time and ready to learn.

Staff at Goldstar Transit work closely with Kennedale ISD to ensure that all eligible students requiring transportation, whether it be home-to-school, special needs or field trips, are accommodated as much as possible.

Our drivers and aides receive extensive training and are regularly evaluated. They also attend on-going refresher training in the constantly changing arena of transportation laws and policies. We aim to produce an atmosphere focused on compassion with an emphasis on caring for the students who ride our buses every day.

Our Goldstar Transit Motto is: *Making a positive difference in the lives of the students we transport.*

For additional questions, contact Goldstar at 817-572-1812.

Transportation Bus Routes

Bus Route/Stop Procedures:

- Students must live at least 2 miles from their campus to be eligible for transportation
- Students may only ride between their registered home address and campus attended
- Bus stops are located as effectively as possible, however students may be expected to walk to their nearest stop up to:
 - 0.25 mile for Elementary/Intermediate School
 - 0.50 mile for Jr. High School
 - 0.75 mile for High School
- Bus routes are planned according to these considerations:
 - Even distribution of stops throughout neighborhoods.
 - Safety of bus stops locations.
 - New students and district growth.
- Bus routes cannot be changed:
 - Based on a particular student or family.
 - Bus stop is not visible from student's home.
 - Relocation of student during current school year.

Goldstar Transit Bus Rules

- The district makes school bus transportation available to all students living two or more miles from school. This service is provided at no cost to the students.
- Bus routes and stops will be designated annually, and any subsequent changes will be posted at the school. For the safety of the operator of the vehicle and all passengers, students must board buses only at authorized stops, and drivers must unload passengers only at authorized stops.
- See the Bus Code of Conduct for provisions regarding transportation to the DAEP.
- Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses remain in good condition and that transportation is provided safely. Goldstar Transit is authorized by KISD to handle any disciplinary issues that may occur while students are using this service.
- When riding in school buses, students are held to the dress code and behavioral standards established in the KISD Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct.

As always, we at Goldstar Transit, are happy to talk to you about any concerns or comments you may have about your child's bus service. Please contact us at 817-572-1812 to speak to a supervisor.

Goldstar Transit Bus Discipline

Should a student's behavior require more than verbal communication from the driver, the following formal corrective action procedures will be used:

- **1st Offense:** Parent/Guardian will be contacted to inform them of the behavioral issue.
- **2nd Offense:** Safety Report issued; Parent/Guardian will be contacted, along with district personnel.
- **3rd Offense:** Safety Report issued; Parent/Guardian will be contacted, along with district personnel. Student will lose bus service for up to 15 days (Elementary/Intermediate students), or up to 30 days (Jr. High and High school students). *****This is negotiable with parent involvement.*****
- **4th Offense:** Safety Report issued, copy sent to the parent/guardian contacted, along with district personnel. Student could potentially lose bus service for the remainder of the school year.

If a student is caught fighting or brings a weapon on the bus, an immediate loss of bus privileges will be issued, the parents/guardians will be notified, along with district personnel.

No Ineligible or guest riders are allowed. If an ineligible or guest rider is discovered, the parents/guardians will be notified and corrective action will be taken.

Bus Code of Conduct

Parents/Guardians: Please read this form, initial next to each statement and sign at the bottom. Email the Code of Conduct-Bus, along with the KISD Student Transportation Request form to **KISDdispatch@ridegst.com** get your student signed up for bus transportation. **Students must comply with the following:**

1. Students are required to be outside at their stop at least 5 minutes prior to scheduled time.
2. Students must wait for driver's signal upon entering or leaving the bus and before crossing in front of the vehicle. Stay out of the bus "Danger Zone" anywhere within 10 feet of the bus. **If you can touch the bus as you walk by, you are too close.**
3. Students will have an assigned seat to and from school. The bus driver has the right to change if necessary.
4. Students must fasten their seat belts, if available.
5. Students must stay in his/her seat and facing forward at all times.
6. Students must follow the driver's directions **at all times.**
7. No weapons of any type, knives or any sharp object, skateboards, scooter, balloons, glass, lighters, large band instruments, live animals, reptiles or insects (dead or alive).
8. No tobacco or e-cigarettes.
9. No aerosols, perfumes, lotions, or sprays of any kind are allowed on the bus.
10. Students may not eat or drink on the bus, except for water.
11. Students may not deface or destroy the bus or its equipment. Students and parents will be held responsible for all charges related to repair caused by vandalism or destruction.
12. Students must keep the noise level down to a minimum.
13. There is no horse-playing on the bus or around the outside of the bus.
14. Students may not put head, hands, arms, or legs out the window.
15. No holding/throwing objects inside or out of the window.
16. Students will keep his/her feet, books, backpacks, instrument cases and other objects out of the aisle. If possible, items must be held in your lap.
17. Students will observe all usual classroom rules.
18. Students will always cross the street in front of the bus. Make eye contact with your driver before crossing in front of the bus and the street. Be alert to the traffic around you.
19. Students not permitted to get anything left on the bus after exiting and **NEVER** reach for anything you drop that goes under the bus.
20. Cell phones are allowed but **No Photographs/Video.**
21. **If it is not allowed at school, it not allowed on the bus.**

I have read the required code of conduct of student(s) while on KISD transportation. I understand that ridership depends on adhering to this code and it will impact the ridership if not followed.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____