

Transportation (Bus) Information

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 that 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 everyday.

Our GoldStar Transit Moto is: Making a positive difference in the lives of the students we transport.

For additional questions, contact Goldstar at [817-572-1812](tel:817-572-1812)

Transportation (Bus) Discipline

GoldStar Transit - 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 contacted to inform of behavioral issue.
- 2nd Offense: Safety Report issued; parent/guardian contacted, and district personnel.
- 3rd Offense: Safety Report issued; parent/guardian contacted, and district personnel. Loss of bus service for up to 15 days (Elementary students), or up to 30 days (Middle & High School students). **negotiable with parent involvement.*
- 4th Offense: Safety Report issued; copy sent to parent/guardian contacted, and district personnel.. Potential loss of bus service for remainder of school year.

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

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

The purpose of these procedures is to provide fair warning and, in some cases, the opportunity to correct behavior rather than punish. However, misconduct will be punished in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct; the privilege to ride in a school bus may be suspended or revoked.

Neither Kennedale ISD the bus driver, nor GoldStar Transit is responsible for lost or left behind articles. Everyone who is eligible for bus service has the right to have a safe ride to and from school. Please be courteous to the driver and other riders. If a problem does arise, please feel free to call GoldStar Transit at [817-572-1812](tel: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 attended campus
- 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 school
 - 0.50 mile for Middle school
 - 0.75 mile for High school
- Bus routes are planned according to these considerations:
 - Even distribution of stops throughout neighborhoods
 - Safety of stop locations
 - New students and district growth
- Bus routes cannot be changed:
 - Based on a particular student or family
 - Bus stop is not visible from students home
 - Relocation of student during current school year

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Transportation (Bus) Rules

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 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 Student 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 Kennedale ISD 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.

Students must comply with the following:

- Students are required to be outside at their stop at least 5 minutes prior to scheduled time.

- Wait for the 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.
- Students will have an assigned seat to and from school. The bus driver has the right to change if necessary.
- Fasten their seat belts, if available.
- Stay in his/her seat and facing front at all times.
- Follow the driver's directions at all times.
- Items not allowed on the bus include, but are not limited to: Weapons of any type, knives or any sharp object, skateboards, scooters, balloons, glass, lighters, large band instruments, live animals, reptiles or insects (dead or alive). Pencils and pens should not be displayed. Remember, if it is not allowed at school, it is not allowed on the bus.
- Must not possess or use any form of tobacco including e-cigarettes on school buses.
- Must not bring aerosols, perfumes, lotions or sprays of any kind on the bus.
- Must not eat or drink on the bus, except for water.
- Must 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.
- Keep the noise level down to a minimum.
- No horse-playing on the bus or around the outside of the bus.
- Must not put head, hands, arms, or legs out of the window, hold any object out of the window, or throw objects within or out of the bus.
- Keep his/her feet, books, backpacks, instrument cases, and other objects out of the aisle. If possible, items must be held in your lap.
- Observe all usual classroom rules.
- 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.
- Never try to get anything left on the bus after exiting and **NEVER** reach for anything you drop that goes under the bus.
- *No cell-phone use* (unless directed by a driver in an emergency situation).

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](tel:817-572-1812) to speak to a supervisor.