

LAMORINDA SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

A cooperative effort by the communities of Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to mitigate traffic.

Dear Lamorinda Parents (2018-2019 School Year):

Welcome to the Lamorinda School Bus Program! The primary purpose of the program is to mitigate traffic congestion in Lamorinda. The program is funded primarily by Measure J, a ½ cent sales tax in Contra Costa County. School bus service is provided by our operator, FIRST STUDENT, located in Concord, Ca. Buses will run starting the first day of school in accordance with school bell times.

Please find the following items enclosed: A laminated BUS PASS, BUS SCHEDULE, BUS RULES and SAFETY INFORMATION sheet.

Please review the items above with your student prior to the start of school. Please contact us if anything is incorrect. All students must carry a bus pass to school. Please encourage your student to take care of the pass as there is a \$5.00 replacement fee. **If your bus is running late, or if you have another emergency, please call FIRST STUDENT at 925-926-0375.** The FIRST STUDENT dispatch center is open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

MORNING: Please arrive to the bus stop five minutes early and wait for the bus driver (TK-8th grade) to cross your student across the street. We recommend parental supervision at all bus stops. The LSBP does not provide supervision at bus stops. Please have a back-up plan in case the bus is delayed. Parents are responsible for the transportation of students to and from the bus stops.

AFTERNOON: It is common for the buses to run late for the first few weeks of school as students and drivers adjust to the new routine. The bus driver will cross your student across the street. *Kindergarten and 1st grade students must be met at the bus stop by an authorized person.* If no one is present, your student may remain on the bus. Call First Student if you've missed your student 925-926-0375.

BUS STOPS: Bus drivers must drop off students only at school or at designated bus stops. Alternate stops may be added to the bus pass - please contact the school bus office. For play dates or occasional use of a different stop, *please write a note to the driver for each occasion.*

NEW One Trip Passes: Our new yellow passes are \$4.00 each and valid for one ride (useful for occasional rides or play dates). The old orange passes will still be accepted through this school year. Passes are sold online or at the school bus office in Lafayette. Schools have a limited number of passes on site. *Note: OIS does not sell One Trip Passes at school – please plan ahead.*

NEW Single Ride Pass: Need a one trip pass for the next day? You can purchase one Single Ride Pass online and your student can ride the next day.

Thank you for signing up for the school bus! For more information, visit lamorindaschoolbus.org.

Sincerely,

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