

ATTENTION: Parents

Lake Orion Community Schools Transportation Department

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Helpful Hints for Parents/Students Utilizing Neighborhood/Subdivision Bus Stops

School transportation services utilizing the school bus, reduces energy use and the carbon footprint. Years ago, Lake Orion Community Schools implemented a program using neighborhood/subdivision bus stops for general education students. This transportation system replaced a more convenient, but also more costly system that featured multiple stops throughout the neighborhood. This change, though reducing the cost of providing the service, carries with it some additional challenges for parents and students getting to and from the stop. Some stops with large numbers of students also acquire corresponding large number of parents vehicles creating difficult conditions for children, traffic, and the bus driver. Parents can do much to reduce the risk experienced by students at these neighborhood stops. Listed below are some suggestions for parents formulated by the transportation department and reviewed by the Lake Orion Community School's Transportation Advisory Committee to help improve the level of safety for students using neighborhood/subdivision bus stops.

- Carpool with neighbors to limit the number of vehicles at or near the bus stop. This is also a great way to meet the neighbors and for children to meet as well.
- Always be respectful of the property of others.
- Pick up any papers, or other debris that may have been left behind even if it is not yours or your child's.
- Park any vehicles a reasonable distance away from the actual bus stop to ensure your vehicle does not impede other normal intersection traffic. Elementary walking students walk up to ¾ miles to/from school, so a short walk to the bus stop should not be hardship.
- Instruct students to stay out of the traveled portion of the roadway/check both ways before crossing the street/**ENTER-EXIT VEHICLES ON THE PASSENGER SIDE AWAY FROM TRAFFIC.**
- Monitor your student/child's behavior at the bus stop and while walking to and from the bus stop.
- Consider normal smooth traffic flow at the bus stop before determining where you will park your vehicle.
- Make certain your behavior models the behavior you want to see in others.
- Arrive at the bus stop more than 5 minutes before the scheduled stop time and have your child/children in line when the bus arrives.
- Don't leave the area until safe to do so after the bus departs.