

# The Power of Purple

## Best Practices for the Safe Transport of Kinder Students

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- Keep young students at the front of the bus. This process reduces delays, ensures that students quickly find their seats and keeps younger travelers within your close proximity for extra support if needed.
  - Under no circumstances are JK and SK students to be dropped off without their designated guardian at hand. In the event that the designated guardian is not at the stop, the driver is to contact dispatch for support and instructions.
  - Get to know the names and faces of the authorized guardians of your Kinder travelers. This helps a great deal when it comes to ensuring that Kinder students are met at the stop.
  - Use the Purple Bus Tag as a visual reminder that the child with a purple tag on the handle of their backpack requires supervision at the bus stop.



- Any student, who seems confused or uncertain at drop-off, should be consulted to ensure that the drop-off point is correct. A slight delay due to a call to dispatch to ensure that the student is dropped off at the correct address and to the proper guardian, is a significantly better outcome than a drop-off to an incorrect or unsafe location.
- Young students often fall asleep on the bus and are prone to confusion around drop-off locations and procedures. Remember to check the school vehicle immediately after the last drop-off on every run, as soon as it may be done safely, to ensure that all students have disembarked.
- Spare drivers are encouraged to connect with school staff at drop-off and pick-up to ensure familiarity with their Kinder riders and to determine if there are any special circumstances of which they should be aware.

Driver Name:

Date:

*With sincere thanks for all you do!*

