

Getting you where you need to go!

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

CCTA is looking forward to another safe year serving the students of Burlington schools. A few more routes have changed to accommodate the Magnet Schools. We will continue to only pick-up or drop-off students on street corners. Please have your child/children aware of the bus route that is appropriate for their school. Detailed schedule and route information will be available at www.cctaride.org under Bus Information/Neighborhood Specials.

Elementary school students will continue to ride *free*. BSD will ensure every student in **grades 6-12** has a picture ID. For students (grades 6-12) who live **more than one mile from school**, there will be a CCTA insignia on the ID card. This will be the student's Bus Pass. It will entitle the student to get on the Neighborhood Special and return home when school is out or when their school activity gets done. The Pass for after school activities is only good at the school or in case of EMS, at Cherry Street. **NO ID – NO FREE RIDE! All other students will be expected to pay 60 cents** to ride the bus (or you can purchase a discounted 10-ride or monthly Pass at CCTA ticket outlets).

Please take a moment to review the guidelines and safety procedures that all students follow while on CCTA buses. Please review these with your child/children in an effort to promote a safe ride for all.

RULES:

- When waiting at the stop or boarding the bus, be cautious of nearby traffic & always use a crosswalk!
- Respect other students and the Driver - Listen and obey the Driver's instructions at all times
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- Please keep head, hands, and arms to yourself and most importantly, inside the bus
- Place backpacks and any other large items under your seat (not on the seat beside you)
- Do not throw objects at anyone or out the window
- Do not spit inside or outside the bus at any time
- Do not use obscene language or gestures at any time
- You must carry skateboards and rollerblades onto the bus and keep them under your seat at all times
- When exiting the bus, cross behind the bus – NEVER IN FRONT OF THE BUS

IF THESE RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED:

Drivers may give your child a verbal warning for any of the above offenses. When this occurs, the school will be notified and subsequently, parents/guardians will be notified.

If a student fails a second time to follow the above rules, the school will be notified and the student will be suspended from riding on a CCTA bus for up to five (5) days based on the offense.

If the child does not cooperate and learn from the above steps, or if the first offense is serious enough, CCTA will **permanently suspend** that student from all bus service for the remainder of the school year.

Immediate suspension will result if any of the following occur:

Use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs while on the bus; Violence of any nature; Vandalism on the bus or any CCTA property/equipment.

We will do our best to ensure a safe ride for everyone. Thank you for taking the time to review these rules.

Sincerely,

Meredith Birkett

Acting General Manager

