FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION:

- Why are school buses yellow? Yellow and the yellow family of colors, get your attention faster than any other color. People notice yellow objects first!
- Every school day, some 450,000 school buses transport more than 24 million children to and from schools and school-related activities. This makes school buses the largest mass transit program in the U.S.
- Running a flashing red school bus stop sign is extremely dangerous! Upon conviction this misdemeanor carries a fine from $250-$1000, 400 hours of community service and suspension of license for no less than 21 days.
- Half of the children struck by vehicles near schools are hit by parents driving their children to school.

BUSINESS INFORMATION:

Would you like to earn up to $17,000 a school year? Become a Bus Driver!! We are always looking for good people who care about kids and their safety. Our bus drivers start out at $17.45 an hour with 9 paid holidays and 5 sick days per school year.

Requirements for School Bus Driver are:

1) CDL – with Passenger and Student Endorsements
2) Federal and State Background Check
3) Pre-employment Physical
4) Drug Test
5) 24 hours of on bus training without passengers

Our drivers are required to have 3 hours of state and 2 hours of district training each year.

If you are interested in driving for the Benton Public Schools Transportation Department please contact:

Danny Revis
Transportation Director – Benton Schools
501-860-8627 Or 501-776-5706

Bus discipline issues will be handled by the Director of Transportation, Danny Revis. Please go to the Benton Schools website and look up the link related to Levels of Conduct Behavior Offenses and Consequences. If you have any questions please call 501-776-5706.

The Benton School District has a 2 Mile Walk Zone. This means if you live within 2 miles from the nearest elementary school (EVEN if you do not have a child in an elementary grade level) you will need to find a way for your child to get to that elementary school. From there the student can be transferred to their designated school. Over 90% of school districts in Saline County have a 2-Mile Walk Zone.

Your child’s bus driver will give each family a Transportation Regulations packet. Please read through entire packet and fill out back page and return completed form to the bus driver within 2 weeks.

There must be someone at home to receive a kindergarten student in the afternoons or the student will be taken to the Benton Transportation Department. 411 South Market Street. If the student is not picked up by 5:30 p.m. the police will be contacted.

Please have your child out at the bus stop 5-10 minutes early. If we have to wait one extra minute at every stop then we will be 15-20 minutes late for school. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

While in the school zones please yield and allow buses out of loading and unloading areas. You may have 4-5 kids in your car but bus drivers have 50+ active kids to take care of. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.