



Stockbridge Valley

Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, school safety across the nation is a focus. At Stockbridge Valley, your child's safety is of the utmost importance. The district also takes the safe transportation of your child to and from school seriously. The district has Transportation policy 5041 to better ensure the safe transport of your children. Parent/guardian requests to change a scheduled pick up or drop off location that are frequent or without advance notice create safety concerns. Our entire Policy 5041, approved and adopted by the Board of Education, is available on our website for your reference. There are key pieces of the policy that I have highlighted below.

Requests for Annual Transportation To and From a Child Care Location

1. Written requests for regular transportation to or from a child care location should be submitted by the parent/guardian, if possible, by April 1st of the year preceding the year transportation is desired
2. For your child's safety, requests will be approved only if the before/after school, childcare location is consistent throughout the week. The district can transport students to and from two locations during the week if the locations are consistent.

Requests for changes in drop-off or pick-up locations

Frequent requests to change the pick-up or drop-off location before/after school jeopardize the safety of your children by increasing the chance of miscommunication and error. Therefore, written requests for changes to the regular pick up or drop off location during the school year must be based upon a verified need, and submitted to the office of the student's assigned school at least three (3) school days in advance. Requests not meeting the advance notice requirement cannot be honored.

The district recognizes that at times we all experience emergencies. We will work with families during these challenging times to provide the safest transportation.

Afternoon Drop Off for Students in Grades K-5

I also want to remind each of you that if your children are in grades K-5, they will only be dropped off if there is a car in the driveway or an adult in the doorway.

I realize that the District has tried to accommodate all transportation needs and this policy may cause stress for some of you. It is with all of the children's safety in mind that I ask for your support now. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Stocker, Superintendent