



SILVER LAKE BUS ROUTES

Please check in your child's "Back-to-School-packet" for the "Census Verification Report." It contains your child's bus number and pickup times (if your child is eligible for busing). Please call your child's school building if you don't receive the mailing.

New families on rural routes should call Tina Teubert at the bus garage with any questions. Buses will arrive at Lakeside Elementary School at approximately 7:15 a.m. and leave at 7:20 a.m. All bus times are approximate and may be changed during the school year.

Bus 12

6:30	Rural stops
7:14	Summit Ave. and Center St.
7:15	Center St. and Park Ave., Silver Lake
7:18	Main St. W and Lane Ave.
7:19	Lakeside School

Bus 14

6:35	Rural stops
7:15	Frank and Grove Ave.
7:19	Lakeside School

Bus 15

6:35	Rural stops
7:15	Railroad St. and Grand Ave., Silver Lake
7:17	Century Lane
7:18	Lakeside School



School bus expectations and policy

ALL STUDENTS must ride their designated buses unless a written note from the parent(s) or guardian(s) is brought to school. If a student is going to ride a different route, a signed note must be presented to the classroom teacher or office. The teacher will sign the note and it is then handed to the driver of the bus. Without parental and school permission, no student is allowed on an alternate bus route. Buses will stop only at regularly scheduled stops.

Glencoe-Silver Lake school buses transport students in grades K-6 who live more than one mile from the schools they attend or students in grades 7-12 who live over two miles walking distance from the school they attend.

The bus driver will make every effort to abide by the schedule. Extremes in weather and poor roads do occasionally cause minor deviation from the schedule. The care and discipline of children on the bus lies solely with the bus driver.

Your assistance is requested to encourage good safety and citizenship. Children are asked to obey the following rules when riding the bus. The bus driver is in charge of enforcing the following rules:

- Walk on to the bus
- Listen to bus driver
- Use a quiet voice and respectful language
- Sit and face forward
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Walk off the bus

All misbehavior cases should be reported to Terry Becker at the transportation office (320-864-3032).

Parents or guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus privileges. Consequences for elementary students may include, but are not limited to:

- 1st offense – warning
- 2nd offense – three-school-day suspension from the bus.
- 3rd offense – five-school-day suspension from the bus.
- 4th offense – 10-school-day suspension from the bus/meeting with parent.
- Further offenses – individually considered.

Note: When any student goes 60 transportation days without a report, the student's consequences may start over at the first offense.

The safety of our students is of primary concern to the bus drivers. Here are "bus stop expectations" to discuss with your child:

- Listen to the supervisor
- Play safely
- Be friendly
- Line up when buses arrive



School bus safety

Students will be given school bus safety information the first weeks of school. Training will take place in the classroom and on a school bus. Parents, students and bus drivers play an important role in school bus safety. Bus drivers attend training meetings on issues including first aid, safe driving, and transporting students safely to and from school. Students need to practice, follow the bus rules and respect the rights and privileges of others. Parents should:

- Make sure students understand the transferring to other buses in the morning and afternoon to get to school and home.
- Make sure elementary students know their name, address, telephone number and bus number.
- Be at the bus stop the first couple of times or until the student is comfortable about the bus stop.
- Send a note along with the student if there are any changes in pick-up or drop-off.
- Remind students to always look both ways before crossing any street or roadway.

You, as a parent/guardian, are responsible for your child's comprehension of the school bus safety information. Transportation to and from school can be safe and efficient when riders cooperate with the bus driver, teachers and other passengers.

Get together and form a walking bus

Studies show that fewer children are walking and biking to school, and more children are at risk of becoming overweight. Changing behaviors of children and parents requires creative solutions that are safe and fun. Implementing a walking bus can be both. One of the primary reasons why parents are reluctant to allow their children to walk to school is because of safety issues. Many children are now driven to and from school every day. A walking bus gives more children the opportunity to walk to school safely every day. Items to consider include:

1. The school district is not responsible for students participating in a walking bus. Parents are responsible for their own children.
2. To begin, invite children from families who live nearby to walk.
3. Pick a route and take a test walk.
4. Take a look at the sidewalks or paths along the route.
5. Consider the traffic. How busy are the streets?
6. Look at the crosswalks along the route. Is it easy to cross the street?
7. Everyone meets at a pre-arranged time and walks to school together. More students will join the walking bus just because they see it.

There are benefits to a walking bus:

1. It's sociable, healthy and enjoyable.
2. It reduces parking problems near the entrance of school buildings.
3. Children learn about safety and become more aware of their environment.

Student Pick-Up Notice - Important!

Beginning in September, all of our **student pick-ups will take place at the main Lincoln Elementary Entrance (Door 11)**, which is located along 16th Street. We are making this change to improve our ability to supervise children and assure their safety. Parents, when picking up children during the day and/or after school, park in our lot at the corner of 16th & Pryor. Walk along the south side of the building and **enter Lincoln Elementary through Door 11**. At dismissal, please wait on the ramp as children are dismissed at 3:10 PM. Please call 320-864-2666 with any questions.

*You must check in at the Lincoln Elementary Office if you are visiting the school, volunteering, dropping off late, picking up students early or at the end of the day. **Door 14 on the west side of Lincoln is no longer a student "pick up" door.**

Thank you - Lincoln Elementary

