

# South Orangetown Central School District

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## **IMPORTANT** **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

June 8, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the District's continued efforts to find efficiencies and to achieve its goal of providing a safe and economical transportation system, the District will be instituting revised transportation policies and regulations effective with the 2011-12 school year. These changes are a direct result of our efforts to preserve the quality of instruction to our students.

As always, our primary concern is the safety of our students. We will be providing safe, centralized stops for all students. Beginning September 2011 for all grades **K-12**, we will no longer make house stops, enter cul-de-sacs, or dead-end streets.

***As a result, we need parents/guardians to partner with us to ensure a smooth transition for the coming school year.***

It is important that parents/guardians read all materials received related to these changes and to check the website frequently, <http://www.socsd.org/pupiltransportation.htm>. Parents/guardians should expect to receive the following information:

- Reminder letter of changes – July
- Notification to all high school students not eligible for transportation - July
- Transportation packet containing the following - August:
  - Transportation Handbook
  - Procedures for using bus passes – high school
- Bus number and route for each child - August
- Back-to-School Packets from your child's school - includes the building's code-of-conduct, which addresses what is appropriate bus behavior and the consequences for not following the rules – August.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in assisting our efforts to maintain a quality education for all students.

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## IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

July 20, 2011

Dear Parents,

In June we shared with you the transportation changes that will take effect in September 2011. We are sending this letter to you as a reminder of those changes. As part of our continued efforts to find efficiencies and savings in order to preserve the quality of instruction for all students, we are moving forward with new transportation procedures. In early August you will receive, by mail, your child's bus card, as well as a revised Transportation Handbook. Please take the time to read all information as there may be changes that will impact your child's bus stop location, the pick-up and drop-off times, and the bus company that transports your child.

As always, our primary concern is the safety of our students. We will be providing safe, centralized stops for all students. Beginning September 2011, for all grades, **K-12**, we will no longer make house stops, enter cul-de-sacs, or dead-end streets.

It is incumbent on the parent to ensure their child arrives at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time.

Remember, in August, you will be receiving specific bus information in the mail for each child in your household.

We thank you for your cooperation.

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## **IMPORTANT** **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

August 2011

Dear Parents,

In June and again in July we shared with you the transportation changes that will take effect in September 2011. Enclosed please find the revised and updated **South Orangetown Transportation Handbook**. In addition, you will soon be receiving your child's bus card in a separate mailing. Please take the time to read all information as there may be changes that will impact your child's bus stop location, the pick-up and drop-off times and the bus company that transports your child.

For High School students, the bus card will serve as a temporary bus pass. Please ensure your child carries this card for bus access until student photo I.D.'s are issued indicating authorization for transportation. .

As always, our primary concern is the safety of our students. We will be providing safe, centralized stops for all students. Beginning September 2011 for all grades **K-12**, we will no longer make house stops, enter cul-de-sacs (less than ¼ mi), or dead-end streets.

It is incumbent on the parent to ensure their child arrives at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time.

We thank you for your cooperation.

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