

# ICSD PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT BUS SAFETY INFORMATION

### **BEING READY**

- Children must be fully dressed and ready to get on the bus.
- Children should be ready at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Please be watching for the bus. Buses are not allowed to wait. (Buses may be delayed during bad weather)

### **SUPERVISING YOUR CHILD**

- Parents or another responsible adult must wait for the bus with their children. Parents must put their children on the bus.
- When a child returns home, the driver must see that the child is received by a parent (or other authorized adult chosen by the parent).
- If no adult is present to meet the bus at the end of the day, your child will be taken to the bus garage or back to school. You will have to pick up your child.

### **AT THE BUS STOP**

- Help us protect your child by reinforcing safe boarding and exiting procedures. Young children are most at risk when getting on or off the bus.
- Teach your child to stop at the curb and wait for the driver's hand signal before entering the street. Set an example - demonstrate this procedure to your child.
- Never let your child cross the street behind a bus.
- Never let your child stand or play near the side of the bus. It's very dangerous.
- Make sure your child's clothing does not have long drawstrings, straps, or cords. Dangling drawstrings are dangerous - they can get tangled in the bus handrail or door.

### **BEHAVIOR ON THE BUS**

- Pre-K children are seated toward the front of the bus.
- Eating is not allowed on the bus. Your child could choke. And many children have food allergies.
- Sharp objects, balloons, or other potentially dangerous items should not be sent with your child.
- A child's medication cannot be transported on the bus. You must bring it to the school.
- Provide a backpack for your child (put your child's name in it) and teach your child to keep papers and any other loose items inside it during the bus ride.
- Please help us teach your child to stay properly seated and to use a quiet voice on the bus. Distracting the bus driver could cause an accident.

### **SAFETY HARNESS**

- Children under four years old must wear a safety harness on the bus. A lap belt is not enough.
- It is appreciated by the driver if you step on the bus and help your child fasten the safety harness.
- After their fourth birthday, children can wear a lap belt. Although it's not required by state law, wearing a lap belt helps keep your child in the seat.

### **TRANSPORTING YOUR OWN CHILD**

- If you transport your own child, you or a responsible adult must accompany the child to the classroom in the morning and meet your child at the classroom in the afternoon.
- Older siblings are not permitted to bring children to school or take them home.