

# DoD Dependent Schools – Okinawa

## Registration

The following are the proper steps to follow for registering your children for school and the school bus.

Before accepting housing, visit the DoDDS Okinawa Transportation website below to confirm availability of school bus service in the desired area you are considering and to find out which school your child will attend. For school zoning information please visit the DoDDS Okinawa Website:

### [School Zones](#)

After accepting housing, visit the school's administrative office to register your child.

After registering at the school, contact the Student Transportation Office by phone or email to complete the school bus registration process.

Call or Email: the Okinawa Student Transportation Office

Phone: 645-7820/2036 from off-base or cell: 098-970-7820/2036

Email: [OKIN-BUS@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:OKIN-BUS@pac.dodea.edu)

# Student Transportation Office

Who we are and what we do for you:

## Our Duties:

- Transport student to and from school, field trips, home from after school events, and manage Special needs transportation
- Biannually conduct school bus safety training
- Ensure that all bus routes, bus stops are safe
- Manage the security attendant program
- Issue bus passes for all authorized riders
- Ensure your child has the most comfortable, safe and secure bus ride possible

## School Bus Safety

- Arrive 5-10 minutes early to the bus stop as the bus will not wait, and stand back from the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop Student must buckle up after taking their seat and do not block the aisle with carry-on items
- Understand, off-base driving laws are different... "Stop Arms" are not recognized. While driving near a bus, wait patiently to pass if the stop arm is out. You may pass with extreme care watching for students crossing if the stop arm is not out.
- When possible park on the same side of the street when picking up and dropping off your children so as not to encourage student to cross the street.
- To allow bus riders better visibility, we find it is safer to wait until the bus departs the stop and then cross the street at a crosswalk when safe.

**Bottom line: Be safe when in an around school buses. Talk to your children about bus safety**

# School Bus Rules

## On & Around School Buses Students Will:

- Comply with the Behavior Standards for School Bus Students.
- Board and exit the bus in an orderly, safe manner.
- Present bus pass when boarding the bus and upon demand.
- Remain seated while on the bus.
- Talk with other passengers in a normal voice.
- Keep all parts of the body inside the bus windows.
- Keep aisles, steps, and empty seats free from obstruction.
- Remain fully and properly clothed.
- Treat the driver and fellow students with respect.
- Promptly comply with the bus driver's or monitor's instructions.
- Treat the bus and other private property with care.



## On & Around School Buses Students Will NOT:

- Make excessive noise or play electronic equipment without earphones.
- Use or possess unacceptable items identified in the school Code of Conduct.
- Tamper with bus controls or emergency equipment.
- Get on or off the bus while the bus is in motion.
- Fight, push, shove, or trip other passengers.
- Put objects out of bus windows or hang out of windows.
- Engage in horseplay.
- Obstruct aisles, steps, or seats.
- Engage in public displays of affection.
- Eat, drink, or litter on the bus.
- Push while boarding or exiting the bus.
- Spit.
- Harass or interfere with other students.
- Disrespect, distract, or interfere with bus driver.
- Damage private property.
- Sit in the bus driver's seat.
- Open or try to open bus door.
- Throw or shoot objects inside or out of bus.
- Use profane or abusive language, or make obscene gestures.

