

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

Suffolk Transportation Service bus drivers pioneer a new program for their preschool students: **Building Relationships and Supporting Adaptive Behaviors**. In partnership with the Brentwood School District, Suffolk Transportation Service is spearheading a new program to support their preschool students. Throughout the first training session, school bus drivers learned about developmentally appropriate behaviors of four-year-old children including those that are challenging. The program included feedback and insights about the behaviors experienced on the bus by each of the bus drivers. This collaborative effort supports the role of the bus driver and driver assistant and the influence they have on their preschool riders as they get ready for their school day.

BUS SECURITY: Bus security begins with you - your knowledge and your best judgment. Don't get lulled into a false sense of security. When on duty, be on the lookout for unusual behavior and suspicious activity, vehicles stationed in unassigned areas, vehicles stationed for a long period of time, unusual delivery vehicles, suspicious or unattended packages, devices, baggage, and unexplained persons in unusual locations. Only approach or question a suspicious person if you feel comfortable. Remember, if you see something, say something. To maximize security on our property and in your vehicle, please remember the following:

- A current Company identification badge must always be worn and visible on Company property, vehicles, and destination points.
- The law requires that you perform a pre-trip and post-trip inspection of your vehicle. During this process, please be aware of any unusual tampering to your vehicle.
- School bus drivers: never let strangers on your bus—it is against the law.
- Transit drivers: report suspicious passengers to Dispatch immediately. Use discretion when calling in on the radio and report your location. The Company will dispatch a supervisor and call 911.

Your vigilance and adherence to these guidelines are essential for maintaining a secure environment. Stay alert and trust your instincts!

IDLING POLICY: With colder temperatures, please refresh yourself with the Idling Policy in our SSPP Safety Manual. Do not leave your bus unattended in the yard or anywhere else while it's running, and never let it run for more than 5 minutes unless the engine needs to be running to operate safety equipment or the temperature is below 24°F. All buses must be turned off while on school grounds, except in the case of special needs accommodation. Remember, GPS technology automatically records idling times, which can result in disciplinary action or the reimbursement of any fine imposed on the Company.



REFER A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER FOR A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER POSITION AND RECEIVE \$1000! The bonus will be paid 60 days after your referral is assigned a school bus route. This bounty bonus will expire on March 31, 2025. Applicants can visit suffolkbuss.com to complete an online application or pick up at any yard.



FACEBOOK: Our employee spotlight is Orisbell Cuevas, Harold Court PM Dispatcher.

"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen"

