

2019-20 FCS Elementary School Afternoon School Bus Drop Off Information

Greetings Forsyth County Schools Parents & Students!

As we start the 2019-20 school year, please know that our first priority is to make sure your child is safe & secure on the school bus at all times. This means making sure all FCS students are getting off of the school bus correctly in the afternoon—either on their own, with an older sibling, or with the bus driver releasing the student to the appropriate parent/adult guardian at the bus stop.

With the goal of safety in mind, FCS Transportation is requiring that all families with children who will be riding the school bus complete a short & simple verification process before the start of the 2019-20 school year. Links to complete the 2019-20 FCS School Bus Verification Form can be found on the Forsyth County School website at <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/51826>. This verification process is **NOT** required for students riding FCS Special Education Transportation. Special Education Transportation will continue to be scheduled through your school's Special Education Department along with FCS Special Education Transportation supervisors.

Once school bus verification is completed for a student, the parent/guardian will receive an e-mail verification from FCS Transportation that includes 2019-20 school bus route and bus stop information. For elementary school students, this e-mail verification will include additional information and an FCS bus pass, if necessary. As in previous years, all 2019-20 FCS school bus route and bus stop information will be available in Infinite Campus/Parent Portal prior to the first day of school. In addition, bus routes, bus stop locations, and morning school bus pick up times can be found on the FCS Transportation website at <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1400>.

Starting this year, FCS bus drivers will be providing each FCS elementary school student riding the school bus with a color-coded bag tag. This color-coded tag will provide all FCS school bus drivers with individualized information for each student that is intended to ensure the student is released from the school bus properly every afternoon. The bag tags are color-coded as follows:



GREEN TAG: The **GREEN**-tethered tag identifies a student allowed to get off the bus and walk home from the bus stop unaccompanied. Students identified with a **GREEN** tag do not require an FCS bus pass, and will be released from the afternoon bus stop without an adult present.



YELLOW TAG: The **YELLOW**-tethered tag identifies a student allowed to get off the bus and walk home from the bus stop with an older sibling. Students identified with a **YELLOW** tag do not require an FCS bus pass, but will only be released from the bus when their older sibling is on the bus to walk home with them.



RED TAG: The **RED**-tethered tag identifies a student allowed to get off the bus **ONLY** when the parent or adult authorized by the parent is at the afternoon bus stop to receive the student and walk the student home. Students identified with a **RED** tag will **ONLY** be released from the afternoon bus stop to a parent/adult who shows the bus driver a copy of their FCS bus pass. The parent(s) of a student with a **RED** tag will be provided an FCS bus pass for their child before the start of school. **It is the parent's responsibility to manage their FCS bus pass and be sure that the adult at the afternoon bus stop to pick up the child has a copy of the pass (either electronic or printed). The FCS bus pass will work exactly like an elementary school car rider number – in order for the bus driver to allow a student with a RED tag off of the bus in the afternoon, the adult receiving the student at the bus stop must show their FCS bus pass to the driver.**

If you have any questions or would like assistance, please contact your school's FCS Transportation Supervisor. Welcome back for another fantastic school year in Forsyth County Schools, and we look forward to a great school year with you on the school bus!