

Bus stops, and bus policies, are handled by the Transportation Department of the Saint Paul Public Schools. Here are a few bus policy issues that are important for you to know:

- 1) A child may have only one pickup spot and one drop-off spot. For example, s/he may get picked up at home and dropped off at daycare, but s/he may not get on or off at any other location on the route, nor may s/he ride home on a different bus with a friend or family member (even with a note!)
- 2) It generally takes a few days to establish a brand new bus stop. If you plan to change daycare, or if your family moves within the attendance area D or area F, your child may continue to attend Global Arts Plus, with free bus transportation, but the Transportation Department needs a week's notice to be able to make the change.
- 3) Bus transportation to and from school is offered free of charge to students. However, by state law, bus ridership is considered to be a privilege, not a right. If a child acts in a manner that is deemed by the bus driver to be unsafe, s/he may lose the privilege of riding the bus. Please be looking for more information about the expected bus behavior of all students to come home in the first few days of school.

If you will be picking your child up from school, for any reason, please send a note to school with your child that morning to let me know. For your child's safety, all students who leave the building need to be signed out in the office. You will need to park your car and come to the office to meet your child. If you would like someone other than a parent or legal guardian to pick up your child, I must have that information IN WRITING. If you plan to pick your child up from school every day, please let me know.

Tennis shoes, or other comfortable, non-slip tie or velcro shoes are important for a safe school, recess and Phy Ed experience (for your child's safety, no Crocs or slip-on tennis shoes or flip-flops, please!).

An extra pair of tennis shoes may be left in your child's cubby to use for PhyEd and recess if you wish.

Extra Clothes Please consider having an extra outfit for your child at school in case s/he spills on him/herself or has a need for a change of clothes. We will keep the clothes in his/her cubbie. We will have clothes available for your child if s/he needs to change, but often they are most comfortable in their own clothes. You may bring items to the Meet & Greet or to our conference. Thank you!

School Hours are 9:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Children are allowed to go to classrooms beginning at 9:15. Students who are not in their classrooms by 9:30 are marked tardy. If your child is coming to school tardy, you will need to walk him/her to the office and sign him/her in at the desk.

Please be aware that the first few weeks of all day Kindergarten is a big time of adjustment for your child. S/he will probably require extra sleep (10-12 hours a night for 5 year olds, particularly the first 4-6 weeks of school, is not uncommon) while s/he adjusts to the new expectations & schedule of Kindergarten!

If you have any concerns or questions about Global Arts Plus or about the happenings in our classroom, please give me a call at (651) 293-6606. It is difficult for me to talk on the phone when I am with your child, but please feel free to call and leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I can!

I can also be reached by email at: k.dawn.kohlman@spps.org

Thanks for trusting your child to those of us at Global Arts Plus!

We are looking forward to a great year! See you at the Meet & Greet and at Conferences!

Mrs. K. Dawn Kohlman-Shemesh