

“No Friends on Fridays” Rider Policy

In the past, the RISD Transportation Department has allowed students to ride home with a friend on the school buses. During the 2009-2010 school year, several buses were at near capacity when just the regular riders were riding. There were so many requests to allow students to ride home with friends on Fridays that RISD had to institute a policy that no friends were allowed to ride on Fridays. The Buses affected were Bus 30, 57, 66, and 77. This policy was continued during the 2010-2011 school year and has been in effect this school year as well. Unfortunately, due to the increase in ridership of most of our bus routes, this policy will have to be applied to all of our routes. Starting October 10, 2011, students will no longer be allowed to ride home with a friend on Fridays. Students may continue to ride home with a friend Mondays through Thursdays. Students will be able to be dropped off on Fridays at Alternate Drop off locations if they are regular riders (see “Alternate Site Transportation Policy” on the RISD web site under Transportation).

This policy change was made to help insure the transportation safety of our students. Safety has always been and will always remain our number one concern. The effective date for this policy is 10/10/11.