

HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

TRANSPORTATION DEPT.

3020 Big Sky Loop Helena, Montana 59602 transportation@helenaschools.org 406-324-2100 2023-2024 School year only

The Helena Public Schools requires that special needs students be met at their afternoon school bus stop by a parent or legal guardian. The program was instituted to provide a safe environment for students that are most vulnerable to accidents when leaving the bus for home.

Please review the following information and check <u>ONE</u> option, sign and return the entire letter to our office (either by emailing signed copy or regular mail) if you would like to exercise your parental rights to have either someone other than you provide escort for your child or to opt out of the district's bus stop escort program.

Choose only one

_ Opt-Out Parent signature ______

It is my understanding that Helena Public Schools has a procedure that requires a parent/legal guardian to meet special needs at the afternoon bus stop daily in an effort to enhance the safety and security of the most vulnerable student population. This procedure doesn't meet with my personal needs or desires; therefore, I would like to exercise my parental rights and option out of this program by allowing my child to be let off the bus without having a parent/legal guardian or designated person present.

--Or-Choose only one

Escort permission Parent Signature_____

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Escort Names:

 1._____
 2._____

 3.
 4.

<u>I have read and fully understand the aforementioned procedures and nature of my request, therefore I agree to indemnify</u> and hold Helena Public Schools and First Student Transportation harmless for any and all injuries, accidents or other misfortunes that may occur to my child from the time that he/she is dropped off at their designated bus stop.

Student's Name:	PM ROUTE #
Parent/Guardian Name:	Date:
Address:	
City/State:	
Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	