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**CASSVILLE  
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**Bus Handbook**

**2018-2019**





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## General Information

The Cassville R-IV School District is located at the junction of Highways 37, 112, 248, 76, and 86. It encompasses 300 square miles. The District includes students from the city of Cassville, several smaller communities and surrounding rural areas, as well as secondary students from the Shell Knob School District. The total population of the district is approaching 10,000, with over 1,800 students.

The district is located in Barry County in the city of Cassville. Cassville and the surrounding area are dynamic and growing. Although self-supporting in every way, access to larger communities is very convenient. Cassville is only an hour away from Branson, Joplin, and Springfield, Missouri as well as Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Cassville’s transportation system is district owned and operated.

Cassville’s transportation system runs 19 regular routes and 2 vocational routes. Each day over 1500 miles are driven transporting students to and from school.

Cassville’s transportation system repairs and services the district buses. Two full-time mechanics are employed to accomplish this.



**Our Mission**  
Embrace knowledge, respect tradition, and foster community

**Our Vision**  
Graduation for every student...  
Success for every graduate



## Bus Routes (continued)

<p><b>Bus #21: Tim Blankenship</b> Jenkins Quick Stop, 248 Hwy. to EE, Jenkins School , 248 to town</p>
<p><b>Bus #22: Tracy Tucker</b> Whispering Pine, Carter School, Emerald Beach, J. Hwy, Ball &amp; Prier, Elmo's, to school</p>
<p><b>Bus #23: Bob Deffenbaugh</b> Airport Road, Antioch, Hog Farm, Patty Johnson's Stoney Point, Hwy. 37, Old Exeter Rd., God's Little Kingdom, Tess Elliott's childcare, to school</p>
<p><b>Bus #24: Carl Moore</b> King River Pines, RA hwy., Arrow Point South of Post Office, Ball &amp; Prier to Hwy. 86, to school</p>
<p><b>Bus #25: Mike Botts</b> County/State Line Rd., Eagle Point, Cedar Slopes, Mitchel Plaza, up to 86 Hwy. to Roaring River Road, Through Sate Park, F Hwy, then 112 Hwy to school</p>
<p><b>Vo-Tech: Regina Robbins</b> Cassville High School to Monett Vo-Tech. Monett Vo-Tech to Cassville High School.</p>
<p><b>Vo-Tech: Marie Iiams</b> Cassville High School to Monett Vo-Tech. Monett Vo-Tech to Cassville High School.</p>
<p><b>Mechanics: Jason Roller &amp; Jake Kloss</b></p>

## Board Policy

### BOARD POLICY EEA STATES:

“Buses carrying school children will be considered extensions of the school environment. **Any student whose conduct on a school bus is improper or jeopardizes the safety of other students may have his or her right to school bus transportation suspended for such period of time as deemed proper by the superintendent, building principal, or designee.** Uniform rules of conduct and disciplinary measures will be enforced.”



### BOARD POLICY EEAC STATES:

“The safe transportation of district students to and from school is to be of primary concern to school officials in the administration of the school bus program of the school district. All state laws and regulations pertaining to the safe use of school buses will be observed by drivers, students, and district personnel. All school buses used to transport children shall be inspected by an official inspection station during the month of August or prior to operating the vehicle during the school year as required by law. Furthermore, all school buses which meet specific weight and structural requirements must be equipped with a crossing control arm as required by law.”



## Guidelines for Safe Transportation

In order to transport children safely to and from school each day, it is very important that parents and children understand that there are certain requirements that must be followed for a safe and enjoyable ride. The Missouri Transportation Laws, Regulations, and Standards include the following safety statement.

Students must observe the rules for safe student transportation and follow the directions of the driver in a prompt and courteous fashion. The bus driver is responsible for the safety of the students and the bus at all times. **He or she may assign students to specific seats, contact parents for assistance, or refer students to the principal for disciplinary action.**

**Riding the bus  
is a privilege,  
not a right.**



## Bus Routes (continued)

<p><b>Bus #11: Lane Truman</b> C Hwy., Willow Branch, Cross Hollows, Oak Ridge, Hwy 248 to Forest Circle, Chinquapin Woods by city park, to school.</p>
<p><b>Bus #14: Rob Gray</b> Eagle Rock, CC Road, to E.R. Post Office, F Hwy. to Roaring River, Fisher Lane, Horner area, Hwy. 76 to Hilltop &amp; Hwy. 112-7 Valley Motel, Southern Hills, to school.</p>
<p><b>Bus #15: Neil Dent</b> Hwy. M to Mano, Big M, Hwy. E to Hwy. 86, Horner, Hwy. 112, County Farm Rd to school</p>
<p><b>Bus #16: Regina Robbins</b> Hwy. 86, Faulk Ridge, returns on 86 Hwy. –East of town to Horner Road, Bates Corner, Forest Grove, Mineral Springs Road – includes Kelly Dickson’s (childcare) to school.</p>
<p><b>Bus #17: Travis Wells</b> North on Hwy. 37 to Butterfield (picking up in Butterfield) Bus. 37 back to school.</p>
<p><b>Bus #18: Sandy Hammond</b> Y Hwy, Black School, East &amp; North of Butterfield, Shady Grove, Hwy. 37 North of town.</p>
<p><b>Bus #19: Jenny Bottoms</b> Carr Lane to Kings River Bridge to Golden, County Farm Road to Hwy 37 to school.</p>
<p><b>Bus #20: Gene Robbins</b> Mineral Springs area, part of 248 Hwy., Wildwood, to school.</p>





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<p><b>Bus #3: Susie Lewsader</b> Kings River Beach, Akin' Back, 39 Hwy., Foxwood, Lomar Tower Road</p>
<p><b>Bus #6: Becky Matthews</b> Hwy. to 39 to Cassville on 76/86 Hwy, 112 to town</p>
<p><b>Bus #7: Ben Reuter</b> Fasco Rd., Lucky Strike, behind 4/Way, Security Bank, Sunset Heights, 1st Street, Hillcrest Apts., Rene Corn's childcare to school</p>
<p><b>Bus #8: Marie Iiams</b> Route North &amp; West of Butterfield, also part of Hwy. 37 North and Presley Drive to school.</p>
<p><b>Bus #9: Gary Thompson</b> Log Church, Hwy. Y to Star City (both sides Hwy Y) to Oak Ridge Area, then Flat Creek Trailer Park, to Sherwood Forest Drive, to school.</p>
<p><b>Bus #10: Rodney Christy</b> AA Hwy., Pasley Area, South 37 Hwy. to Southwest District, back up 37 Hwy. to school.</p>

### Bus Conduct Rules

1. Each student is to follow the directions of the driver and conduct himself in an orderly and courteous manner, similar to student classroom conduct.
2. Students are not to yell or scream. Talking is permitted using "library voices."
3. Headphones must be used if students play music or audio from a device of any kind and at anytime. Playing music in a way so that other students can hear it, is prohibited.
5. Students are to take their seats and remain seated facing forward with their feet on the floor at all times until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver gives permission for students to move from their seats.
6. Students are to report any damage to the bus driver.
7. Students shall not, at any time, extend arms or head out of the bus windows.
8. Students are not to eat or drink during daily bus routes and should help keep the bus clean.
9. Students are not to throw objects on the bus or out the windows.
10. Students are not to use vulgar gestures or inappropriate language on the bus or around the bus stop.
11. Students may not use verbal or physical means to harass or intimidate other riders.
12. **Students must have a note from their parent or guardian to ride buses other than normal, or to get off at a stop other than their normal stop.**
13. The use or possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or related paraphernalia is prohibited.





In addition to the preceding guidelines, we ask that children be at the bus stop no earlier than ten (10) minutes before their bus is scheduled to arrive in the mornings.

Students who fail to observe these rules will be subject to disciplinary action, **since their failure to do so may affect the safety of others.** A student who misbehaves will be reported by the driver to the principal. Failure to follow bus conduct rules and regulations may result in detention, ISS, school suspension, or suspension of the privilege of riding the bus. In the event of disciplinary action, efforts will be made to contact the parent or guardian as to the disciplinary action taken. In the case of bus suspension, other means of transportation should be arranged so the student can maintain his/her attendance in school.

It is the desire of the Cassville R-IV School District to provide the best possible student transportation in as an efficient and economical manner as possible, and we ask the cooperation of each parent and each student in this endeavor. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at any time.



## 6 – 12

### First Offense

- Principal/student conference, 3 days detention, or 1 day In School Suspension

### Second Offense

- 3 days detention or 1-3 days In School Suspension

### Third Offense

- 3-5 days In School Suspension/Bus Suspension

### Fourth Offense

- Short term bus suspension (3-5 days)/Extended ISS

### Fifth Offense

- Bus suspension (5-10 days)

Additional bus problems or severe offenses may result in long term suspensions. In severe cases, the 1st through 3rd steps could be bypassed.

\*The assertive discipline plan will be followed in most violations of the Bus Conduct Rules. However, the building administrator will examine each case individually and adjust the consequences as deemed appropriate.





# Disciplinary Actions

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Positive Behavior Support System (PBS) will be followed when students are referred to the office.

### First Offense

- Conference with student/loss of recess

### Second Offense

- Write bus rules and placed on probation/ loss of recess

### Third Offense

- Short term bus suspension (1-3 days) or In School Suspension

### Fourth Offense

- Short term bus suspension (3-5 days) or In School Suspension

### Fifth Offense

- Short term bus suspension (5-10 days)

Additional bus problems may result in long term suspension or permanent removal from the bus.



# Procedures

The Cassville R-IV School District has developed a system of procedures to assist parents in communicating questions, problems, and/or other concerns with the school. These procedures will help maintain effective lines of communication between the parents and school. These procedures will be used for discipline referrals, bus policy changes, behavior conferences, parental questions, parental concerns, and parental grievances. These procedures are not meant to be all encompassing. Some issues may require steps to be bypassed in order to maintain an effective, safe school transportation program.

- Step 1 – Bus Driver**
- Step 2 – Building Administrator**
- Step 3 – Transportation Director**
- Step 4 – Superintendent**

## Phone Numbers

<b>Transportation Office</b>	<b>847-2317</b>
<b>Primary School</b>	<b>847-2445</b>
<b>Intermediate School</b>	<b>847-4010</b>
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>847-3136</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>847-3137</b>
<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>847-2221</b>

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

