

## **STISD Transportation**

### **Goal**

To develop a professional relationship with our students and parents and provide safe, reliable and efficient transportation in a supportive and positive manner.

### **Service**

Buses run between home high schools and approved designated locations. It is up to the parent or guardian to provide transportation to and from the home high school or designated location.

Bus drivers strive to arrive at every bus pick-up site on time. Due to the variance between individual clocks, students are asked to arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. Buses will load and depart only at designated locations. Bus drivers are instructed not to stop or open the bus door for late students due to safety concerns (e.g. moving bus wheels, other moving vehicles.)

School buses are rated by manufacturers to have a capacity based on three riders per seat. STISD has adopted a goal of two riders per seat. While this is the goal, there may be times when ridership exceeds this number, but it will never exceed the manufacturer's maximum capacity.

### **Bus Drivers**

School bus drivers are required by Texas law to receive more training than many other professional drivers. A school bus driver in Texas is required to attend and pass a state-mandated 20-hour certification class and an eight-hour refresher course every three years thereafter.

Each potential and current bus driver must clear a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR) through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) prior to employment and once annually after hiring. All employees undergo a National Criminal Background Check prior to employment.