

## What are the pouches on students' backpacks for?

The pouches on students' backpacks primarily serve as a system of identification for bus drivers to ensure student safety and facilitate transportation. They remind the driver that the student should not be dropped off without a parent or legal guardian present at the stop. They help identify the student if they are too shy to speak, or if they are unsure of where to get off or which bus to take. They hold the student's bus pass, which formally identifies them and their bus route.

The bus pass and pouch are given to the student at school on their first day. It's important to ensure the pass is inside the pouch and updated when necessary.

The pouch must be attached to a visible spot on the outside of the backpack. This allows the driver to easily see it at all times.



### **RED POUCHES – KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1**

#### **STOP**

A STUDENT MUST NOT BE DROPPED OFF WITHOUT AN ADULT PRESENT AT THE STOP. IF AN ADULT IS NOT AT THE STOP, THE STUDENT WILL REMAIN ON THE BUS. THE DRIVER MUST NOTIFY THE BUS COMPANY, WHO WILL THEN CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE. IF THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CANNOT REACH THE FAMILY, THE KINDERGARTEN STUDENT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL, AND THE PARENTS WILL THEN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING THEM UP.

### **YELLOW POUCHES – GRADE 2**

#### **CAUTION**

A STUDENT MAY BE DROPPED OFF ALONE AT THE STOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES. THE BUS MUST NOT DROP OFF THE STUDENT EARLIER THAN THE TIME INDICATED ON THE ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS.

### **CLEAR POUCHES – ALL OTHER GRADES**

POUCHES ARE DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS IN OTHER GRADES (STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, NEWCOMERS, ETC.) BASED ON THE DECISION OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. THIS HELPS THE DRIVER IDENTIFY THE STUDENT.