

Dear Huron Public School Student Parents,

A ZPass parent/guardian ID agreement form should be filled out, signed, and returned to the Transportation office, along with the student bussing registration form, if you have not previously signed an agreement form for your student.

It is highly recommended that each Huron Public School Student, from kindergarten through middle school, that utilizes the school bussing service be issued a ZPass card and that they scan the ZPass each and every time that they get on or off of a bus. The ZPass provides the School District, specifically the Transportation Department, a way to see what bus your student either boarded or disembarked, the location of the bus at the time of the scan, and the time the student's ZPass was scanned. This information is needed by Transportation for two reasons. The first being that this information provides us with a real time roster of which students are on each bus at any given time. This information is a must have for the District in the case of a bus being involved in any type of emergency. Whether it be a crash or any other active threat on the bus we have to know who is all on the bus so that we can contact the parents in these cases. This roster can also be used to supply law enforcement and other first responders with the number of people on the bus at the time of the incident. The second scenario in which the ZPass information is critical is if a student does not show up at home, daycare, or school. The information that is tracked by the ZPass scan verifies to Transportation whether or not the student was even on a bus. Where the location was that the student either got on or off of the bus so that we have a beginning point to start our search for the student as well as to be able to notify law enforcement of the student's last known location. This information enables us to cut down the amount of time that it takes to locate a child that has become lost. The minutes that we save could mean the difference to your student's safety.

The use of Zonar's ZPass is helping the Huron School District provide the safest and most secure transportation possible to and from school for your child. The only information that is tracked by scanning the ZPass is the bus number, the bus location, and the time of the scan. It does not track or supply any other types of information. The only information on the ZPass card itself is the student (owner) name and the School District's mailing address so that the card can be returned through the mail if it should be found somewhere. Each card has a specific number pre-printed on it. This is how Transportation assigns the ZPass and how we know who the ZPass belongs to.

The ZPass that your student is, or has been, issued is valid throughout their enrollment with the Huron School District. If your student had been issued a ZPass card for the 2017 -2018 school year it is good for every year that they are in school. There is no need to have to be assigned and issued a new ZPass card each year.

Sincerely,

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