



SHONTO PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

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Parents/Guardians:

Due to increased reports of attempted human trafficking abductions locally, regionally and nationally, Shonto Preparatory School is taking action to safeguard Shonto students and is requesting Parent and/or Guardian help in the pick-up of their child at the bus drop off location for after school and late bus runs.

Effective immediate, bus drivers will be required to release student to parent/guardian/authorized person at bus drop location. This will assure you and your child that they are returned home safely. If parent/guardian/authorized person is not at the bus drop location, then student will be returned to Shonto Preparatory School and pickup by Parent and/or Guardian will need to be completed at the school. Shonto does understand that there may be limitations that may make pickup of student difficult, please work with us during this transition by doing the following:

1. Have an authorized person that you and your family know pickup your child at the bus drop off location.
2. Call the school and arrange pickup of your child at the school by an authorized person on the student check-out list
3. Develop a Buddy or Neighborhood Watch system – Upon bus drop off with authorized person, have your child walk home with other neighbor children who live within distance of your home. Make arrangement with your neighboring family/friend if you will not be available at home to receive your child.
4. If you are not available at home during after school bus drop off, then maybe consider enrolling your child in an after-school program for late bus run drop-off. You will need to be available to pickup your child at the late bus run drop off location.
5. If you find that it will be difficult to pickup your child at the bus drop off location after school or late bus run, then please consider enrolling them into the residential program.
6. If there should be no late bus runs, then arrange backup planning for the pickup of your child at the bus drop off location.

Other recommendation for safety of your child:

- Speak with your child about stranger danger and educate them to be aware of their surroundings, as well as, safe places they can go to and later reunite with you.
- Develop a family code word that your child will recognize if they should be picked up by a person that you send.
- Let your child know that it is okay to say that are afraid and do not want to get off the bus. It is for their safety and security. Please reassure your child that you will make arrangement for their pickup if this should occur.

Sincerely,

Lemual Adson,
Superintendent