



Bowie Fine Arts Academy
Parent Information Letter
Rollout of ZPass Bus Safety System

September 6, 2016

To Parents and Caregivers of Bowie Fine Arts Academy Students:

MISD understands the safety of your child is a major concern and we strive daily to ensure the safety of your children in everything we do. In our continued efforts to protect your children, MISD is excited to announce the implementation and rollout of a new **ZPass** Bus and Transportation Safety Program. This new Safety Program will aid the school district and parents in locating students riding on MISD buses in a timely manner.

A parent may elect to automatically receive this same ridership information for their children via text message, email, or both. ZPass has a Parent Application which works on a variety of electronic platforms and is free to all parents who elect to participate. Once a parent signs up for this free service, a parent can receive text notifications whenever their child swipes their ZPass ID when boarding or departing a bus. These text notifications will include the time and location of pickup or drop-off. Parents can also log in from a desktop computer or tablet to receive notifications.

All transportation-eligible students will be required to wear or display their ZPass ID badge when boarding, riding, or departing a school bus. In the event a student loses their ID or it is damaged, they will receive an additional ZPass ID free of charge. If a student loses their ID, they will not be denied transportation; however they will need to obtain a replacement ID from the campus office in a timely manner. Student badges contain **no** personal student information.

Bowie Fine Arts Academy and the MISD Transportation Department will host a **Parent Information Meeting** to discuss the ZPass program specifics and answer any questions from parents at that time. Please plan to attend this informative parent meeting:

- **Wednesday Evening, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Bowie Auditorium**

If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please do not hesitate to call our office at 432-240-6100. Please feel free to visit the ZPass website www.zpassplus.com to obtain more information concerning the ZPass bus safety program.

Thank you,

Melissa Horner, Principal - Bowie Fine Arts Academy