

# CARTS

## Get a Ride!

Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc.  
A Community Solution for Public Transportation  
P.O. Box 993  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
907-262-8900 907-262-6122 fax

### PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICIES with regard to transportation for your child.

Your help in making sure these procedures are followed will make transportation for all passengers involved much easier!

- Having your child ready when the ride arrives is your responsibility.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to ensure that the child gets to the vehicle safely, or from the vehicle to the door of the house. The driver will be glad to assist the child aboard the vehicle.
- If a child will not be riding on a given day, please call CARTS at 262-8900 and let them know. Because of the door-to-door service provided, it is essential that we know if we do not have to make the trip because your child will not be riding that day.
- Keeping your driveway clear is your responsibility. If the driver cannot get to your house because the driveway is blocked with vehicles or has not been cleared of snow, we will not be able to pick up/deliver your child any closer than the street.
- **CARTS policy is to not deliver children home without someone there to receive them.** When the child is delivered home, the parent/caregiver must acknowledge the driver. Please tell us under "notes" below any circumstances that would allow CARTS to drop a child home without someone there.
- Be sure to specify an **alternate drop** (i.e. relative, day care, friend) to CARTS. This information will be entered on your child's intake form. If, at any time, you need your child to be let off at an alternate drop, please let us know as far in advance as possible. Other children on the route, as well as the driver, are affected by out of the way stops that take additional time.

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- **If there is no alternate drop specified, and no one is at home to receive the child, the procedure is as follows:**
  - We will attempt to contact a parent/caregiver
  - If no contact, we will wait five minutes, then the child will ride to the end of the route
  - If still no contact, the child will be returned to where the child was picked up, if possible
  - If not, the child will be taken to a safe center, which in most cases is the police station or DFYS.
- Reports of abuse or other confidences that require reporting will be turned over to the CARTS office.
- CARTS will not be responsible for picking up children who are sick and need to leave school early. Any schedule changes need to be reported to the CARTS office immediately.
- Sick children will not be refused a ride home, but notice of such problems needs to be called in to the CARTS office in advance. This includes lice and other infectious problems.

**I agree to abide by the policies listed above in regards to transportation of my child:**

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Special Notes

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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Child's Name

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School

Caretaker to Ride with Child: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must agree to be in vehicle for full length of child's ride.)