Other Transportation Information for Parents

- 1. Students are encouraged to arrive at their assigned bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time.
- 2. For your student's safety he or she may only use the assigned bus stop.
- 3. The following items will not be allowed on the bus: skateboards, balls not secured in a backpack, water guns or toy replicas of weapons, animals/pets, scooters, balloons, flower bouquets, or any object that is prohibited by district policy, may cause a distraction, or is a safety hazard on the bus.
- 4. In case of an emergency while the bus is in transport, the driver will follow the bus contractor's protocol. The appropriate responders will be contacted and sent to assist. Depending on the nature of the incident, the school will be contacted and will notify parents if appropriate and possible. Parents that respond to the scene of a bus incident or accident, must have proper identification for students to be released in their custody.
- 5. If buses are in transit when a tornado warning is issued, bus drivers will be directed to follow their severe weather plan and when appropriate to proceed to the nearest USD 259 secondary school in the morning and elementary school in the afternoon to seek shelter. Bus drivers will remain with students at that location until released to resume the bus run.
- 6. A parent, guardian, or emergency contact person (listed at the school) must receive any student receiving Special Education transportation. The adult must be visible to the driver. Pre-K and Kindergarten students must be received hand-to-hand at the bus. Exception:
 - A regular education Kindergarten student who has an older sibling riding the bus may exit the bus with
 the older sibling or be met at the bus by a sibling in middle or high school. On a day when the older
 elementary age sibling does not attend school or ride the bus, the Kindergarten student must be
 received.
 - UDOs

The following information identifies who to contact when certain situations arise:

