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## 2nd child gets off school bus at wrong stop

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For the second time this week, a kindergarten student got off at the wrong bus stop after leaving school in the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford district.

School officials have put new procedures in place to stop it from happening again.

Rachel Hurst of Euleless said her 5-year-old daughter was put on the wrong bus Wednesday at West Hurst Elementary School but managed to find her way home after a neighbor stepped in to help.

A neighbor spotted the girl getting off the bus on El Camino Real and watched as the girl tried to get into her home and then sat down on the doorstep and started crying, Hurst said. Hurst's husband was waiting at the bus stop around the corner, where the girl was supposed to be dropped off.

The neighbor took the girl to her home, and then they drove through the neighborhood to find her father, Hurst said. Wednesday was the first day that she had ridden the school bus.

The mishap happened because a school clerk wrote down the wrong bus number for the child, said H-E-B spokeswoman Judy Ramos.

The bus driver had questioned whether the girl was on the right bus because she was new. But he was assured by school employees that she was on the right bus, Ramos said.

All kindergarten students are now required to wear yellow tags with their name and bus number. They also must sit at the front of the bus, near the driver.

Bus drivers are also now required to make announcements telling students which bus they are on, to stay on the bus and to ask for help if they miss their stop or are uncertain about where it is, said Ramos. Schools previously used tags, rosters or a combination of the two to keep track of students.

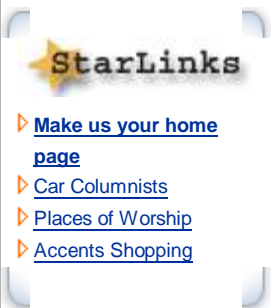
On Monday, Bedford police found a 5-year-old girl walking alone in the 2800 block of the Airport Freeway access road.

The girl, who had just finished her first day of school, had gotten off at the wrong stop in the 2000 block of Park Place. When her father saw that she did not get off the bus, he began following the bus and then realized no one was on it, police said.

The father called police, who had just found the girl.

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