

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Bus Transportation

1. **When will parents receive bus information?** About 10 to 15 days before the start of school, parents will be notified of their child's bus stop location, bus number, and bus pick up and drop off time. Student registration occurs late into the summer, and the changes in student numbers impact our bus scheduling. This is why we have to wait until shortly before the start of school to finalize our busing information (and teacher assignments.)
2. **What time should my child be at the bus stop?** Once the bus routes are clearly established, we ask that children arrive at the stop at least 5 minutes before their scheduled pickup time. During the first few weeks of school, buses may run early and/or late.
3. **Can I have transportation from my child's day care?** Parents may complete a request form (good for one year) to receive transportation to and from a day care if it is located in the school's attendance boundaries.
http://home.wcasd.net/files/eblNg_/2eda5e71a97bc9da3745a49013852ec4/BUS_STOP_REQUEST_FOR_DAY_CARE_PROVIDER_FORM_REVISIED_7-17.pdf
4. **Will my child have an assigned seat on the bus?** Kindergarten students are assigned to sit in the front of the bus. Other assigned seats are given as needed.
5. **How is busing affected when there is a two hour delay or an early dismissal?** If there is a two-hour delay, all pick up times are simply shifted two hours later (an 8:50 a.m. pickup time becomes a 10:50 a.m. pickup time.) In the event of an unscheduled early dismissal, parents will be notified about when buses will be dropping off students.
6. **I don't want my child to get off the bus if I am not present. What should I do?** Parents should notify their child's bus driver. Parents should discuss with their child to tell a substitute bus driver that he/she cannot get off at the bus stop if the parent is not present. Drivers will call their supervisor to report the absent parent, and someone from the bus company will contact the parent or the school district to determine the best option to reunite the child with parents.
7. **What if my child wants to ride the bus only one way to or from school, or wants to ride it some days and be driven to school on others?** It is always a plus when the driver is familiar with your child, but if the situation requires him/her to be an infrequent rider, it's a good idea to let the bus driver know that. As long as your child's name and bus stop are on the roster, he/she is permitted to ride whenever they wish. If a stop hasn't been utilized for two consecutive weeks, the stop will be dropped from the route.
8. **What if there is a conflict with my child and another child on the bus?** Discuss the issue with your child's building principal.
9. **How do you determine whether it's safe for school buses to travel on snowy and icy days?** A team of administrators evaluates the roads – by driving them and talking early in the morning with township supervisors and the bus companies – to make the best decision possible based on forecasts and road reports.