

2011-12 Transportation Changes

This resource page provides a link to the forms necessary to make a bus stop or walking route inquiry. It also contains information regarding all the steps taken between the 2009 Community Budget Task Force Report and the new transportation plan's implementation following the School Board vote to approve it in November, 2010.

A new direct link to bus stop and walking route change submission forms now exists immediately following this paragraph. It replaces the E-mail box that had been set up to solicit comments during the evaluation and implantation stage for the new transportation plan and will allow parents to access the necessary inquiry forms more quickly and easily.

[Instructions and Forms For School Transportation Change Requests*](#)

[Task Force Report on 2011-12 Transportation](#)

Materials Include Information Regarding Public and Non-public Bus Stop Consolidation, Public School Bell Schedule Changes, Non-public Transfer Points and Bus Combination Changes

- [Board Approved Action Steps*](#)
- [Transportation Committee Report](#)
- [Public School Elementary Bell Schedule Changes*](#)
- [Revised Bell Schedule & Transportation Plan for East High and Fugett Middle Schools*](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Guide for Selecting School Bus Stop Locations and Student Walking Routes*](#)

Transportation Committee of the Community Budget Task Force Process Summary

During the initial Transportation Committee meetings of the Community Budget Task Force, members increased their understanding of the federal and state mandates in addition to school district policies and the impact on transportation costs. This information included the calculations for the transportation state subsidy formula; transportation carriers' contracts and monthly bill calculations; public and nonpublic bus routes, walking routes and ride times; and, statistics on the public, nonpublic and special education school locations, student enrollments, bus fleet, bus stops, bus capacity utilization and costs. Based on the community task force's transportation savings target, and after analyzing the background information for the transportation operations, the sub-committee established a goal to eliminate a minimum of 12 buses from the District's transportation operations. The crucial factor in the decision to eliminate buses was that the majority of them were not being filled to capacity. Three separate groups were formed to find the bus reductions in the following areas: (1) public school bell schedules (2) bus stop consolidation (3) nonpublic school ride times (including transfer points). At the final meeting each group reviewed its findings and impact statements with all sub-committee members. The findings included: reconfiguring public school bell schedules; consolidating bus stops and increasing student walking distances; and, changing routes and increasing the use of transfer points for nonpublic schools. The findings resulted in improved bus capacity utilization and achieved the committee's cost reduction goal.

The Communication Timetable for the steps involved in the implementation of a new Transportation Plan can be reviewed by accessing the following link: [**Board Approved Action Steps***](#)

The complete report of the Community Budget Task Force's Transportation Committee, including all findings related to transportation, can be reviewed by accessing the following link: [Transportation Committee Report](#)

The Frequently Asked Questions section featuring answers to the most common inquiries received by the District can be reviewed by accessing the following link: [**Frequently Asked Questions**](#)

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