

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who determines the bus stops?

A. Bus stop locations are determined by the transportation office staff. They review the location of each student and then determine the best location based on requirements of state laws and school board policies.

Q. Will my child be picked up at home?

A. We look at the number of students that live in your area and determine if the current group stop in your area is warranted or an individual stop is warranted.

Q. Why is my child on the bus so long?

A. The District makes every attempt to keep the time to less than one hour per trip but because stops are closer to student homes, the route is longer.

Q. If my child is late to the bus stop, can he/she go to another one?

A. No, if your child is late to the bus stop, you need to take your child to school. This is for your child's safety. Students unexpectedly running up to the bus is not safe.

Q. Can my child be dropped off at the bus stop without an adult present?

A. Yes; we do not require an adult to be present at the bus stop.

Q. What happens on half days of school?

A. K students will ride the 1st thru 5th grade bus home at dismissal time and will be dropped off at the neighborhood bus stop. No home drop off will be made unless that is the regular neighborhood stop.

Q. What if I have a question about my child's bus ride?

A. All questions can be answered by the Transportation Office. You can call 248.489.3700 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on school days.



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Kindergarten Transportation and You!

Welcome

The Farmington Public Schools' Transportation Department welcomes you and your child to an exciting new experience. Transportation is provided to those students that reside within their home school transportation boundaries.

The ride to school can set the tone for the whole school day for your child. Therefore, we have compiled this brochure to give you some important information about riding the bus. This will help create the safest and most enjoyable bus ride possible for your child.

Please keep and refer to this brochure throughout the school year, or it can be found on the District's web site under Transportation. We are available at 248.489.3700 for your questions. You may also find helpful information on our web site: www.farmington.k12.mi.us.

Safety on the Bus

- Students are to follow the directions of the driver or aide.
- Students need to remain in their seats on the bus.
- Students are not to throw things on the bus.
- Students must be seated and facing forward at all times
- Students need to keep their hands and feet to themselves.
- Students need to keep all items in their backpack.
- Students need to be nice to other bus riders.

Safety around the Bus

- Students are to stay a safe distance from the roadway. (At least 10 giant steps away.)
- There should be no horseplay or pushing at the bus stop.
- Students should only walk to the bus when the door opens.
- Students should use the handrail when climbing the stairs.
- When students are required to cross the road, they need to look both ways for vehicles before crossing the street, at least 10 giant steps in front of the bus.

Discipline on the Bus

Any misbehavior on the bus may distract the driver from getting your child safely to or from home or school. This jeopardizes the safety of all students. The driver will report any unsafe behavior by using the Student Conduct Report form. The driver will attempt to solve the problem on the bus before a conduct form is filled out. This will require the driver to talk about the problem with the child.

Bus Stops

The Transportation Department determines bus stop locations. For your child's safety, we strive to keep the bus stops in the same location from year to year. This is done to that residents and motorists in the community will become familiar with where the bus stops are located and will use caution when traveling near them.

The Transportation Department will provide the pickup and take home times and locations by mail before school begins.

All students need to be at their assigned bus stop location waiting outside and not in homes or in vehicles at least 10 minutes before scheduled arrival. This is for their safety. We do not want students running to the bus. All pick up times are approximate. Please allow a 10 minute window of time before or after the scheduled time for the bus to arrive.

You will be notified if there is any change in your child's transportation schedule beyond the 10 minute window of time by either a phone call or a letter sent home with your child.

Since we do not require an adult to be present at the bus stop, it is important that you have an alternate plan for your child in case you cannot make it to the bus stop. Your child should know where to go in case you are not at the bus stop or at home.

Name Tags

For the first week of school, your child will be provided a name tag to be placed on the outside of your child's clothing. This will help to ensure that your child gets on the correct bus and gets home safely.

Day-Care

Due to an overwhelming number of special transportation requests for day-care needs, each child is allowed one pick up and drop off address. The pick up address and the drop off address may be different, but each must be consistent every day.

Transportation can only accept daycare requests from the school. You must contact your child's school if you would like your child picked up or dropped off at a daycare.

Students may not ride home with another student unless it is an emergency and is authorized by your child's school office.

Bad Weather Days

Please send your child to school in appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Your child will be out in the elements while waiting for the bus, and they need to stay warm and dry.

Occasionally, it is necessary to cancel school due to weather conditions. When this happens, after 6 a.m. you can call our school Information Hot Line at 248.489.3337, visit the District's web site or listen to your local radio or TV station, including TV-10.

