

Transportation Information

All K-12 students will receive a postcard in the mail in late August, designating if the student will be bused to school or if they will walk. Bus stop information (time, location, bus number) will also be included.

Walk Zones

Guidelines establishing walk zones are approved by the Centennial School Board. **Please note: Since middle school and high school students will ride the same bus, follow walk zone rules for the school the student is attending.** If walking, discuss with your child the safest route to school and consider walking with your child first few days of school. Walk zones, by school destination, can be found at www.isd12.org.

Busing Availability

Busing is available for high school students living more than 1.5 miles from the high school and for elementary and middle school students living one mile or more from their school. Kindergarten students living more than 1/2 mile from their school are bused.

Bus Routes

A postcard, indicating bus stop, bus number and time will be mailed late August to all students who are eligible for bus transportation.

Students are to arrive at bus stops approximately five minutes prior to scheduled stop time. Bused students may walk up to 1/2 mile to a bus stop. Bus routes, by school destination, are posted online at: www.isd12.org.

Middle School and High School Transfer Process

High school and middle school students are transported together both to and from school. School start times require high school drop-off first and middle school second in the morning and the same schedule for pick-up in the afternoon. Some high school students riding afternoon buses may be required to transfer at the Middle School. Middle school students will not be required to transfer. Transfer information will be detailed on the bus information cards mailed to families in late August.

Common Transportation Questions

The bus goes right by our house. Why can't it stop?

Buses pick up students at collection points (stops). It is not door-to-door service. Fewer stops result in less time and gas and less interruption to other motorists.

My children are walkers. The bus passes by them and has space. Why can't they be picked up?

Bus routes are planned and take into consideration all eligible students who may ride the bus. On a given day, some students may choose not to ride the bus for a variety of reasons. Unscheduled stops for walkers would present danger to motorists and other walkers.

Why can't my children ride the bus?

The School Board has a policy that determines which students walk and which may ride. The State requires transportation only for students living beyond two miles from school.

The bus stop is too far from our house. Can it be moved?

No student should walk more than 1/2 mile to a stop.

How do I request a bus stop change?

Contact Transportation at 612.789.5143 for consideration.

Can extra stops be made on cold days?

Schedules and routes are the same for all school days.

Who to Contact with Questions

General transportation questions:

Phone: 612-789-5143 (Barb Allen, Secretary)

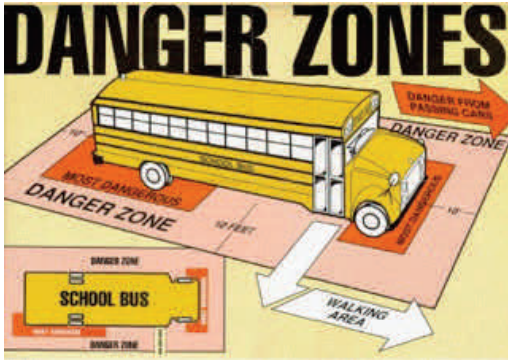
Email: transportation@isd12.org

Rehbein Transit: 651.484.1852 or 651.484.1809

Keeping Kids Safe

Danger Zones

More accidents happen to children outside the bus. Be sure your child knows where these danger zones are. Teach them how to enter and exit a bus and not to stand in the danger zones.



Bus Safety Follows the District's 3R's

Be Respectful. Be respectful of others at all times. Use respectful, acceptable language and behavior on the bus and at the bus stop. Wait to talk to the driver until it's safe to do so. Respect the bus property and obey the bus driver. **Be Responsible.** Stay seated and facing forward. Board and depart from designated stops. Keep the aisle clear. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus. Don't throw objects from, in, or at a bus. Wait in a single line at the side of or off the road until the bus comes to a complete stop. Walk away from the immediate area of the bus when getting off. Cross the street in front of the bus in clear view of the driver: Students should go to a spot 10 feet in front of and to the side of the bus and wait for the driver to signal them to cross. **Make Right Choices.** Leave dangerous or objectionable items at home (weapons, flammables, animals, etc.). Only ride the buses you are assigned to ride.

Bus Rule Violation Consequences

The school principal will consider disciplinary action when there is inappropriate behavior. Direct questions to your child's building principal. For questions regarding the safety of your child, contact the transportation office at 612-789-5143. Consequences for school bus misconduct apply to all bus routes. The District may assign seats, require reimbursement for damages, contact local law enforcement officials, or take other actions.

Class I Violations (Grade K-5)

1st notice: Warning or 1-5 day suspension; 2nd notice: 1-10 day suspension; 3rd notice: 10 day to indefinite suspension; 4th notice: Loss of bus privileges.

Class I Violations (Grade 6-12)

1st notice: 1-5 day suspension; 2nd notice: 5 day to indefinite suspension; 3rd notice: 10 day to indefinite suspension; 4th notice: Loss of bus privileges.

Class II Violations (Grade K-5)

1st notice: Warning; 2nd notice: Warning or 1 day suspension; 3rd notice: 1-3 day suspension; 4th notice: 3 day to indefinite suspension.

Class II Violations (Grade 6-12)

1st notice: Warning; 2nd notice: Warning or 1-5 day suspension; 3rd notice: 1-5 day suspension; 4th notice: 5 day to indefinite suspension.

Reminder: Stop When Red Lights are Flashing

Flashing amber lights: A pre-warning that the bus is preparing to stop.

Flashing red lights and extended arm: Minnesota law requires all vehicles to stop 20 feet from a stopped school bus until the driver retracts the stop arm and extinguishes the flashing red signals. Failure to stop is a misdemeanor.