



Riverview Community School District

Transportation Services

The Riverview Community School District Transportation Department has prepared this information to familiarize you with our procedures as they relate to the safe transportation of your



child. The Transportation needs are constantly changing. The Transportation Department continually reviews the transportation services to meet the needs of the students and the community within the constraints of our resources.

Q. Is transportation mandatory?

No, school bus transportation is not mandated by the State of Michigan for regular education students. Riverview Community School District offers limited transportation as a service and convenience to the students and to the community. It is a privilege to ride the bus to and from school and that privilege can be taken away from the students for misconduct on the bus.

Q. Which school bus services my neighborhood?

Please see the bus route schedule on the Districts website for each school bus route.

Q. How far can a bus stop be located from a student's home?

Students are required to walk to consolidated bus stops. There is no law specifying maximum walking distances to and from school or bus stop locations.

My child is a kindergartner. Will the bus pick my child up in front of my home?

While kindergartners are eligible for transportation, we do require that an adult or responsible teenage sibling walk the student to and from the bus stop.

Q. How many students can safely fit on a bus?

All of our full sized buses are legally rated for 77 passengers, regardless of age. RCSD guidelines are to maximize the use of our buses while ensuring that all students are safely seated. Drivers closely monitor the students to ensure they are properly seated. Drivers have the right to assign seats. Prior to putting the bus in motion, the drivers inspect the center isle to ensure it is clear of any obstacles.

Q. How safe is it for my child to walk to the bus stops?

It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to see that your child gets safely to and from the bus stop. The school district provides transportation as a non-mandated service and establishes placement of the bus stops in accordance with the requirements of the law. The City of Riverview has been rated as one of the top 50 safest cities in Michigan by SafeWise.com.

Q. By law is there a maximum riding time for my child?

No, there is no law limiting the length of time children ride on a bus. However, Riverview is a small city and we pride ourselves in trying to keep the drive times to under 30 minutes. This does not include bus loading and unloading times.



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Q. Why can't the bus stop at my house as it drives past?

In an effort to provide efficient transportation routes we make a minimal number of stops. Added stops have a ripple effect on the entire schedule and increase drive times for passengers. We do not make home stops for regular education students.

Q. Why are there address on the bus route schedule if buses don't make home stops?

Addresses are only placed on a route schedule as a reference point for the students.

Q. Why doesn't the bus come down our cul-de-sac?

Cul-de-sac stops are discouraged by the Michigan Department of Education due to safety concerns. Cul-de-sacs create blind spots for the drivers and are difficult to maneuver a bus in. This is especially true during the winter months when there are large piles of snow left in the street from the snow plows.

Q. Why is my child's bus late?

Weather, traffic, mechanical issues, railroad tracks and unforeseen issues may be factors which cause a bus to be late. Children being late to the bus stops may also be a reason so that is why we require that children be at the bus stop a full 5 minutes before the stop time noted on the bus route sheet. We do everything possible to keep our buses running on time each and every day. In the event your child's bus does not arrive on time, please contact dispatch at 734-285-3900. Please allow 10 minutes before calling.

Q. What items are not allowed on my child's bus?

Please see the bus rules on the General Bus Rules page on the Districts Transportation website page.

Q. What behavior expectations are required of my child on the bus?

The bus ride to and from school and for field trips and athletic events are considered an extension of the school day. All classroom rules are in effect and children are expected to conduct themselves the same way they would as if they were in their classroom.

Q. Are cell phones and/or tablets allowed on the bus?

Cell phones/Tablets are permitted on the bus as long as they are silenced and being used for quiet activities such as texting and games. Phone calls are not permitted on the bus. Also, pictures are not allowed to be taken on the bus. If these rules aren't followed, the electronic use privileges may be taken away at any time.

Q. Who do I contact with questions?

Please call the transportation department at 734-285-3900 with any questions.

Q. Can I access my child's bus information online?

Yes, the bus routes are posted on each schools webpage, as well as, the transportation webpage. Your child's pick-up time and drop-off times are posted in MISTAR ParentPortal.