



Clark County Public Schools
Division of Transportation

Dear Parents and Students,

We want to welcome you back for another great school year. It is our pleasure to serve you. Even though the 2007-08 bus routes were printed in a special Back- to- School insert on July 26th we want you to know there have been significant changes to our routing this year and it is our goal to communicate these changes to you and give you more information about our services.

We have tried to align our routes by grade levels, and the geographical areas served. Our goal is to pick up elementary students first, then we will pickup the high school and middle school students on a secondary run. This should create a reduction in student ride times. We have also structured our routes so that the buses serve the same areas on both the morning and afternoon route, as well as the same schools. This major change will assist the students as well as parents, principals, bus drivers, etc in developing a more consistent daily schedule. High School students will now board the bus that will be taking them home from GRC, instead of transferring as we did in the past at the middle schools. However, high school students will still ride the buses to the middle schools to pickup those students before proceeding home. We are making every effort possible to reduce as many student transferring situations as possible. This will greatly assist us to be accountable for each and every student.

The new time changes at the schools will assist us in making these improved routing changes successful. All routing information is printed every year in The Winchester Sun prior to the start of school. All new routing is also posted on the district web site. As usual all routes are identified by number to assist you in determining which bus your child will ride. However, all special needs buses are identified by the letters (SP) directly beside the number.

To serve the county better, additional stops have been added to major subdivisions. Through out the year we will continue to analyze growth and add accordingly. It is school board policy that bus stops are assigned to intersecting corners. Stops are determined by taking into account safety first, population and feasibility. If you have moved since last year or you are a first time pickup you should contact the school that your child will be attending. The school will then submit to us a (Student Bus Request Form). Once bus numbers, bus stops, and times are established we will then return the information to the school who will then contact the parents with the information. In the rural county areas, stops are located at designated addresses.

Here are a few important things to remember that will help you in the future:

1. We require students to be at the assigned bus stops at least 5-10 minutes prior to the stop time.
2. No eating, drinking or use of tobacco products is allowed on the bus at any time.
3. The Kentucky Department of Transportation regulation 702 KAR 5:030, states that no radios, tape, or communication systems are to be operated on the school bus. This includes cell phones, IPOD'S and CD players.
4. Transportation Regulations also limit what can be transported on a school bus. Items which cannot be transported include but are not limited to certain large musical instruments, school projects which cannot be held in the students lap, balloons, skateboards, loose balls, glass containers or objects, live or stuffed animals, fowls, or reptiles of any type.
5. In order for your child to be dropped off at a stop other than their assigned stop, the driver must be given a written permission slip signed by a parent or guardian, which is then approved and signed by the school's principal or designee. The drivers are not permitted to make these routing changes without the approval form completed by the principal or designee.

In closing we ask for your patience and understanding as we try to meet the needs of our students. We want to provide good customer service to all of our constituents. School begins on Monday August 13th. All Staff will be in extra early to get our buses on the road. Finally, our drivers and bus assistants are some of the best trained in the state. Safety of the students is our first priority. Our drivers have gone through rigorous training and are updated on an annual basis. We are extremely proud of all of our staff.

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