



Dear Blue Valley Parent,

Bus transportation services will be provided by Durham School Services for the Blue Valley School District for the 2023-24 school year. The school year and the bus transportation services will begin August 16, 2023 for all students. Bus service is also provided for 6th grade, 9th grade and new student orientation day on August 15, 2023.

As in past years, you will be required to register your student bus rider(s) prior to July 21, 2023. All bus riders must register to ride the bus whether you live in a pay ride area or free ride area. Your home address residence must be outside a 2.5 mile boundary from your home school building to receive free bus transportation.

Changes have been made for this school year, Middle and High School students must live 2.5 miles or further that from school in order to register for transportation services. Many buses will travel to both high school and middle school on same route. School start and end times have been adjusted to accommodate all students arriving to school on time. You may also notice a stop location change for your family from past years. Previously the maximum distance a student would walk to the bus stop was .25 miles, that has been adjusted to a maximum of .5 miles.

Requests for District-provided special education transportation must be made by a special education teacher or by the school psychologist at the student's school. If your student is enrolled in the special education program you **do not** register that student – instead, please call your child's school to request their bus transportation.

Students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program may be eligible to receive busing at no cost if they are eligible for busing. Applications can be obtained by calling the Food and Nutrition Services at 913-239-4062. Parents who are new to the free and reduced lunch program will need to contact Durham School Services at 913-681-2492 for instructions on how to register for bus service. If your student qualified for the free or reduced lunch program in the 2022-23 school year then please register following the 2 options below. All eligibility information will be verified by the Blue Valley School District.

Late enrollees who register on or after July 21st 2023 will not be guaranteed transportation before September 1st and will be processed on a first come first serve basis.

A discounted rate is offered for all registrations completed prior to 11:59 PM on June 30, 2023. This is a significant savings from the regular full fare Payride fee but **you must register prior to 11:59 PM on June 30, 2023** to take advantage of this early enrollment discount. In an effort to make registration as simple as possible Durham School Service offers you two (2) options to register your student(s).

Option 1: **Online Registration (you must have your student's eight (8) digit student ID) - Online Website Available June 3, 2023**

- Step 1 – Access our website at www.bluevalleydurham.com which will be available for registration on June 3, 2023.
- Step 2 – Select the appropriate box (pay rider or free rider) to start your registration. Follow the on screen prompts to finish and submit your student(s) registration information. Please have your credit card available if you live in a pay ride area. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Remember the early enrollment discount deadline is 11:59 PM, June 30, 2023. **Please register prior to the deadline to receive the early discounted rate.**

Option 2: **Mail to Durham School Services**

- Step 1 – Complete the enclosed form, attaching payment as appropriate and mail completed forms to Durham School Services at the address below. Payment can be made using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, check or money order. **In order to receive the early registration discount rate, your registration must be postmarked on or by June 30, 2023.**
- Step 2 - Mail Registration form to: **Durham School Services, 7321 W 135th Street, Overland Park, KS 66223**

All fees are for full school year service. All transportation services are provided subject to the rules and regulations for school bus transportation of the Blue Valley School District as in effect from time to time. By registering your student you acknowledge the applicability of those rules and regulations and agree to be bound by them.

Please feel free to contact the local Durham School Services office at 913-681-2492 should you have any questions or 1-833-287-7376 Bus Report for safety related reporting. Our staff will be happy to assist you. We look forward to providing transportation services for your Blue Valley student(s) again this year.

Sincerely,
Durham School Services