



## 2023-24 BLUE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

**Bus transportation will be provided by Durham School Services for the 2023-24 school year. All students have the option of using the bus service.**

- ◆ Students who live further than 2.5 miles from their home to their school of residence receive free transportation per state of Kansas guidelines.
- ◆ Elementary students who live closer than 2.5 miles to school must pay for transportation services.
- ◆ High School and Middle School students closer than 2.5 miles to school do not qualify for transportation services.
- ◆ Students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program may be eligible to receive busing at no cost if they qualify for transportation. Applications can be obtained by calling Food and Nutrition Services at 913-239-4062. There is a Waiver of Confidentiality form included with the application; please be sure to check the box for busing. 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 during the 2022-23 school year, please register via the registration website at [www.bluevalleydurham.com](http://www.bluevalleydurham.com). All eligibility information will be verified by the Blue Valley School District.
- ◆ Free transportation eligibility is determined by the student's home address. If you have questions about mileage and attendance areas, check your home address through the [school locator available on the district website](#). You may also contact the Blue Valley School District at (913) 239-4102 or email [Lisa Hugg](mailto:Lisa.Hugg@bluevalleydurham.com).

**Please note that door-to-door service will not be provided.**  
**Students are asked to walk to designated bus stops to board the bus.**



### BUS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### STUDENTS NEEDING BUS TRANSPORTATION MUST REGISTER EACH YEAR.

You may register online or by mailing in the registration form. Online registration is available now at [www.bluevalleydurham.com](http://www.bluevalleydurham.com). Please contact Durham School Services at 913-681-2492 with any questions.

#### IMPORTANT BUS REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATES

- ◆ 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. You must register prior to 11:59 PM on June 30, 2023 to take advantage of this early enrollment discount.
- ◆ All registrations for bus transportation (both payride and free ride) must be received by Durham School Services no later than July 21, 2023. Enrollees who sign up after July 21st will not be guaranteed transportation before September 1st and will be processed on a first come first serve basis. Exceptions to this rule will be made only for new residents.
- ◆ ELink Route Information: Your student's bus number, stop location and approximate pick-up time will be available online at [www.bluevalleydurham.com](http://www.bluevalleydurham.com). A letter will be mailed the first week of August to the parents of registered students with instructions on how to access this information.

#### **Annual Service Options and Cost:**

	Before July 1 <sup>st</sup>	On or After July 1 <sup>st</sup>
AM or PM only service	\$235.00	\$259.00
All day service (AM and PM)	\$335.00	\$370.00

**Note: A multiple payrider discount is offered for ALL DAY service for families with more than one payrider student. The schedule below lists fees for multiple payriders in the same family.**

	Before July 1 <sup>st</sup>	On or After July 1 <sup>st</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Payrider	\$335.00	\$370.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payrider	\$301.50	\$333.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> + Payrider (each)	\$271.50	\$296.00
<i>Ex: 4 students prior to July 1 (335 + 301.50 + 271.50 + 271.50 = \$1179.50)</i>		

## Discipline Procedures

Misconduct notices will be given for misbehavior on the bus. When misconduct notices are received, they must be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the driver the next day. A copy of each misconduct notice is also sent to the student's school. Conduct which causes extreme safety problems may cause transportation privileges to be suspended. If this happens, parents or guardians will be notified directly by a school building representative. Should a third notice be necessary, suspension from bus transportation may occur. Parents or guardians will be notified by a school building representative.

## Special Education Transportation

Transportation will be provided to all eligible students in special education in the most typical manner that can be arranged. Students will be transported on regular buses and on regular routes whenever possible. Special routes will be established when a student's physical, emotional or behavior conditions warrant, or when it is necessary to transport a student to a school other than his/her home attendance center.

Requests for district-provided special education transportation must be made by a special education teacher or school psychologist and approved by the Blue Valley Academic Services Department.

## Cancellations

Cancellations are required only when a student is being transported on a special needs bus or rides a bus during the noon hour. To cancel transportation for these students, please contact Durham School Services 30 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time by calling 913-681-2492.

## **BUS SAFETY REGULATIONS**

1. Passengers must be on time.	11. Do not throw anything out of the bus windows.
2. Passengers must conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting for the bus.	12. Passengers are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is in motion.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus, both at the bus stop and at school.	13. Bus driver and/or school personnel may assign permanent bus seats, for any and all students.
4. The driver is in charge of the passengers and the bus. Classroom conduct must be observed by all passengers.	14. Absolute quiet is a must when the bus is approaching a railroad crossing stop.
5. Personal electronic devices may be used if it does not become a distraction for the driver. Cell phones should be set on vibrate.	15. No glass containers, weapons, or animals are allowed on the bus.
6. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times.	16. The bus contractor shall not be required to transport a student when the student's conduct endangers the safety of others; when he/she commits acts of vandalism; uses obscene language or unacceptable gestures, or commits moral offenses.
7. Assist in keeping the bus safe and clean at all times.	17. The use of tobacco, liquor or illegal drugs on the bus or at the bus stop is prohibited and shall be reason for suspension of transportation.
8. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender.	18. Prior to boarding and following departure from the bus, students crossing the street are to walk at least ten feet in front of the bus and wait for driver's signal to cross.
9. Passengers must never tamper with the controls or the equipment on the bus.	19. The driver will not discharge passengers at places other than the regular assigned bus stop or at school, unless a note from the parent/guardian is sent with the student to school or is signed off on by a school official.
10. Keep books, packages, coats, feet and all other objects out of the aisle. Large objects that cannot be held in passenger's lap will not be transported on the bus.	

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