

TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION

Parents should make sure their phone numbers and email addresses are current and up to date in order to get updates on their child's bus.

All transportation services will be halted on days when Bellefontaine City Schools are closed for inclement weather.

Transportation Guidelines

ORC 3327.01 states that schools "shall provide transportation for pupils in grades K-8 that live **more than 2 miles** from the school." Several years ago, Bellefontaine City Schools adopted a policy to cut walking distance in half for families, providing transportation for students that live **1 mile** and beyond. BCS also added transportation for grades 9-12 as well.

Transportation plans are designed and implemented by each district according to their individual, specific needs. Each plan includes designated "walk zones" areas, identification of hazardous areas, locations of bus stops, and actual per-determined routing that each bus will take to transport students to/from school. Each district also creates policy regarding alternative bus stops, transportation for daycare arrangements, and shared parenting bus stop options.

School transportation is a form of public transportation that is designed to be safe and efficient while serving as many students as possible. **It is not individualized transportation service.** As with other public forms of transportation, there is little opportunity to alter tight schedules and routes to meet individual family circumstances that arise with short notice.

Tips to remember when considering childcare:

In order to provide student transportation to/from an in-home child care provider, parents must first submit a form through the Transportation Office. Requests will be taken on a first come first serve basis, and are limited to the safe seating capacity of each bus. Once the bus reaches capacity, you will be on a waiting list until space allows for safe transportation, or select another route area. The process of assigning routes/space for students going to in-home sitters may take a few days to arrange, especially at fall start-up. Eligibility for students taking advantage of childcare that is on their same resident route will not be affected.