



FAYETTE COUNTY

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2026–2027 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION GUIDE



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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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A Message to Our Families

Welcome to the Fayette County School Corporation Student Transportation Guide.

At Fayette County School Corporation, we believe that safe, dependable transportation is an important part of every student's educational experience. Each day, our Transportation Department is committed to providing safe, reliable, and efficient transportation while partnering with families to support student success.

This guide has been developed to explain our transportation procedures, answer common questions, and provide helpful information that supports safe and efficient bus operations. Many of these procedures are based on state requirements and district safety standards, while others help us maintain consistent service for every student.

We appreciate the partnership we share with our families. By working together and communicating openly, we can continue to provide a transportation program that reflects our commitment to safety, service, and student success.

About This Guide

This guide has been developed to provide families with important information about Fayette County School Corporation's student transportation services. It explains transportation procedures, safety expectations, and the partnership between families and the Transportation Department that helps ensure every student travels safely to and from school.

Transportation procedures may be updated periodically to comply with changes in state law, Board policy, safety standards, or district operations. Families are encouraged to refer to the most current version of this guide available on the Fayette County School Corporation website.

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Daily Transportation Services

Supporting Safe and Reliable Transportation

Fayette County School Corporation is committed to providing safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for all eligible students. The following procedures help ensure consistent service while supporting the safety of every student.

Student Bus Assignments

Eligible students are assigned to a bus route each school year based on their registered home address. In most cases, bus routes and designated bus stops remain consistent from year to year; however, adjustments may be made as needed to maintain safe and efficient transportation services.

Choosing to Use Bus Transportation

School bus transportation is available to all eligible students, but is not required. Families who choose not to use district transportation are encouraged to notify the Transportation Department and indicate their transportation preference during PowerSchool registration.

Registering for Transportation

Families are encouraged to complete school registration during the designated registration period.

Transportation requests submitted after the first day of school are generally processed within three (3) school days after student information has been updated from PowerSchool to the district's routing software (Transfinder).

Families are encouraged to verify that their address is accurate during registration to help ensure timely transportation services.

Address Changes

If your family moves during the school year, please notify your child's school and the Transportation Department as soon as possible.

Most address changes require approximately three (3) school days to process after updated information has been received. Same-day transportation changes are generally not available.

Assigned Bus Routes

Students are assigned to their designated bus route and, when applicable, a transfer route at the beginning of each school year.

Students should board and exit the bus only at their assigned bus stop. Families needing an ongoing alternate stop may submit an Alternate Transportation Request Form for review. Requests are considered based on route design, safety, and available seating. One-day bus passes are not available.

Riding an Assigned Bus

Students are expected to ride their assigned bus. Maintaining accurate passenger rosters allows drivers to account for every student and supports a safe transportation environment.

Transportation services are generally provided within each school's attendance boundaries. Transportation outside the attendance area may be approved only in limited circumstances as outlined later in this guide.

Alternate Transportation Requests

Fayette County School Corporation understands that families may occasionally need transportation to an alternate location. Whenever possible, the Transportation Department will work with families to accommodate these requests while maintaining safe, efficient, and consistent bus routes.

Transportation to places of employment, tutoring appointments, lessons, or other non-residential locations is generally not available.

Transportation may be approved for before- or after-school childcare when:

- The location is within the student's attendance boundary.
- The location is on an existing bus route.
- Seating is available.
- The stop can be safely incorporated into the existing route.

Families requesting alternate transportation should contact their child's school.

An Alternate Transportation Request Form must be completed each school year. Requests do not carry over from one school year to the next and are reviewed by the Director of Transportation.

To allow time for routes to be finalized, alternate transportation requests are generally not processed during the first two weeks of school unless there are documented recurring childcare needs or other verified extenuating circumstances.

Bus Stop Guidelines

Student safety is the foundation of every bus stop location. Bus stops are carefully selected and reviewed to provide safe loading and unloading while supporting efficient transportation services.

Bus Stop Planning

Bus stop locations influence student ride times and route efficiency. Whenever practical, bus stops are located at least forty (40) feet beyond an intersection.

Ongoing Safety Reviews

Bus stop locations are periodically evaluated. Changes in traffic patterns, road conditions, or neighborhood development may require bus stop locations to be adjusted to maintain student safety.

Bus Stop Usage

Bus stops that remain unused for fifteen (15) consecutive school days may be removed from the route.

Transportation service is generally restored within three (3) to five (5) school days after the Transportation Department is notified that a student will resume riding.

Safety for Our Youngest Students

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 should be met at the afternoon bus stop by a parent, guardian, responsible adult, or an older sibling who also rides the bus.

If no responsible person is present, the student will be returned safely to school until appropriate pickup arrangements can be made.

Repeated occurrences may result in review by the building principal and may affect transportation privileges.

Family Support for Student Safety

Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising students while they travel to and from the bus stop and while waiting for the school bus.

Parents and guardians are also responsible for any damage caused by their student to school buses or to personal or public property.

Transportation Questions

Bus drivers are not authorized to make changes to established routes or bus stops.

Questions or requests should be directed to the Transportation Department during normal business hours.

Bus Stop Locations

Safe bus routes are designed by considering road conditions, traffic patterns, visibility, and the maneuverability of school buses.

School buses generally do not enter cul-de-sacs or dead-end streets unless a safe turnaround area is available.

A full-size school bus requires approximately 115 feet to safely complete a turnaround.

Smaller buses may serve certain locations, including routes for students with specialized transportation needs.

Whenever possible, routes are designed to eliminate the need for backing.

Individual home stops may be approved when:

- A safe walking route is unavailable.
- Sidewalks or crosswalks are not available.
- A student's IEP or Health Plan requires specialized transportation.

Bus stops are selected where the bus and waiting students are clearly visible to approaching motorists whenever practical.

Walking Distance to Bus Stops

Students may be assigned a bus stop located up to 3,000 feet from their residence, consistent with district walk zones.

Whenever practical, bus stops are located within a few blocks of a student's home.

Neighborhood group stops provide efficient transportation while reducing ride times.

Individual home stops may be considered when a safe walking route is unavailable or when required by an IEP or Health Plan.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures

Students should arrive at their assigned bus stop approximately ten (10) minutes before the scheduled pickup time.

Buses stop at designated locations where students are assigned to ride.

Drivers make a brief stop to safely load students who are present and ready to board. To maintain schedules for all students, buses cannot delay departure or return to a stop after leaving the location.

The Transportation Department does not contact households each day to determine whether a student will be riding the bus.

For students in Kindergarten through Grade 2, a parent, guardian, responsible adult, or an older sibling who also rides the bus should be present at the assigned afternoon stop.

Parents and guardians play an important role in supervising students while they travel to and from the bus stop and while they wait for the school bus.

Student Conduct and Bus Discipline

Working Together for a Safe Ride

Every student deserves a safe, respectful, and positive ride to and from school. Students are expected to follow bus expectations so drivers can focus on safely transporting everyone. School buses are considered an extension of the school day, and the Student Code of Conduct applies while riding the bus, at bus stops, and during school-sponsored transportation.

Student Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Arrive at the bus stop approximately 10 minutes early.
- Wait safely away from the roadway until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Board and exit the bus in an orderly manner.
- Remain seated facing forward while the bus is moving.
- Speak respectfully to the driver and other students.
- Keep hands, feet, objects, and personal belongings to themselves.
- Help keep the bus clean.
- Follow all directions given by the driver or bus aide.
- Use electronic devices only when they do not interfere with safety or distract others.
- Respect school property and the property of others.

Behaviors That May Result in Discipline

Examples include:

- Refusing to follow the driver's directions
- Bullying, harassment, or threatening behavior
- Fighting or physical aggression
- Throwing objects
- Excessive noise or disruptive behavior
- Standing while the bus is moving
- Damaging the bus
- Possession of prohibited items
- Tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, drugs, weapons, fireworks, or other dangerous items

Progressive Bus Discipline

Our goal is to help every student enjoy a safe, respectful, and positive ride to and from school. Most behavior concerns can be resolved through reminders, communication, and teamwork between families, school staff, and transportation personnel.

When concerns continue, the following progressive discipline process may be used:

1. **First Concern** – The bus driver will speak with the student about the expected behavior. The parent/guardian and building principal will be notified so everyone can work together to support the student.
2. **Second Concern** – A written bus discipline referral will be submitted to the building principal, and the parent/guardian will be informed.
3. **Third Concern** – The student may receive a **one-day suspension** from riding the bus.
4. **Fourth Concern** – The student may receive a **three-day suspension** from riding the bus.
5. **Fifth Concern** – The student may receive a **five-day suspension** from riding the bus.
6. **Sixth Concern** – The student may be suspended from bus transportation for the **remainder of the semester**.
7. **Seventh Concern** – The student may be suspended from bus transportation for the **remainder of the school year**.

Please note that some behaviors may be serious enough to require immediate disciplinary action that does not follow the steps listed above. The Director of Transportation and school administration will review each situation individually and may adjust consequences based on the severity of the incident. Our priority is always the safety and well-being of all students and staff.

- Any behavior that distracts the driver or creates an unsafe environment

Bus Suspension

Suspension from one school bus applies to all district buses, including extracurricular transportation. Bus suspension does not excuse a student from attending school. Families are responsible for providing transportation during any suspension.

Video Cameras

School buses may be equipped with video cameras to support student safety and assist with investigating reported incidents.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my child ride a different bus?

Students are expected to ride their assigned bus. Families needing ongoing transportation changes should complete an Alternate Transportation Request Form.

When should my child arrive at the bus stop?

Approximately ten (10) minutes before the scheduled pickup time.

What should I do if my address changes?

Notify your child's school and the Transportation Department as soon as possible.

How do I request alternate transportation?

Contact your child's school to complete an Alternate Transportation Request Form.

Transportation Department Contact Information

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Our Commitment to Students and Families

The Fayette County School Corporation Transportation Department is committed to providing safe, dependable, and student-centered transportation for every eligible student.

Every member of our transportation team shares a common goal of ensuring students arrive at school safely, are ready to learn, and return home safely each day. We are committed to providing transportation services with professionalism, care, and respect while maintaining the highest standards of safety.

The partnership between families, students, school staff, and our transportation team plays an essential role in creating a positive transportation experience. Open communication and cooperation help us provide consistent, efficient, and reliable service for every student.

Thank you for your continued support and for partnering with us to make student safety our highest priority. We look forward to serving your family throughout the 2026–2027 school year.