



Bus Route Information for Parents

The Moorestown Township School District Transportation Department strives on a daily basis to transport all students in a safe, timely and efficient manner. Should there be an issue with your student's transportation, it is important to communicate specific information to the Transportation Department, so that it may be addressed as quickly as possible. If you have a question, concern or issue with your student's route please contact Transportation Director, Cynthia Boyce or Assistant Director, Ruth Rich at 856-778-6600 ext. 12271. If you are requesting a bus stop change, email your request to cboyce@mtps.com. Emails will be answered in the order they are received *after the second full week of school in September*. Normal hours of operation are 6:30am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Moorestown Township Public Schools Transportation Facts

The Moorestown Township School District transports students over 14,600 miles per day adding to 2,658,000 miles per year.

The current active student rider count is 3,665 or 79% of District students.

73 in-district tiered routes are done by District School Bus Drivers including kindergarten and preschool routes.

58 in-district tiered routes are done by contracted school bus drivers.

Routes Are Tiered

This means that a route begins with either high school or middle school students. After they are dropped off at their school, upper elementary students are then picked up. Finally, elementary students are picked up and transported to the elementary schools. This equates to 262 routes, all of which are developed by the transportation office.

The Transportation Department

Consisting of a Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, (2)mechanics, five school bus aides and 25 bus drivers. The district currently has eighteen 54 passenger buses and eleven 24 passenger buses.

Out of District Routes

Are performed by contractors (4), the Burlington County Education Services Commission (10), and through transportation jointures with other districts (12).

The District is Rated on its Efficiency Each Year

The school transportation efficiency plan sets a standard level of efficiency which all districts are encouraged to achieve. The State standard is set at 120% (1.2) of vehicle capacity. Meaning,

each district would have to use some of their vehicles for more than one route each day in order to achieve this standard. A district's efficiency rating (vehicle utilization) is calculated by dividing student ridership by vehicle capacity. The *District Report of Transported Resident Students* provides the data used for this calculation. Any District that does not meet the transportation efficiency standard set forth by the State is required to submit a corrective plan. The Moorestown Township Schools District's efficiency rating is currently at 156% (1.56).

All Buses Are Required by Law to have Quarterly Inspections and twice yearly 900-point State Inspections by the Department of Motor Vehicles

Bus Ridership

Our goal is to safely transport all students who ride our school buses. All our school buses are equipped with seat belts. We also have bus rules and consequences in place that all students must adhere.

The Board's policy on transportation reflects the district's concern for the safety of its students.

- ❖ Transportation to and from school will be provided for-
 - Elementary and Upper Elementary students who live more than one mile from school.
 - High School and Middle School students who live more than one and a half miles from school.
- ❖ Your student's bus schedule is available through Genesis. The drivers have a 10 minute window on either side of the posted pick up time.
- ❖ Be at your bus stop on time – 10 minutes prior to pick up time. Times may vary in the beginning weeks of September.
- ❖ **Students may only ride the bus they are assigned. Students will not be permitted to ride from one school to another to meet their parent, play date, homework date, etc. Buses are filled almost to capacity with seating left available for new students moving into the District only.**
- ❖ Bus drivers do not have the authority to change bus stops – Your driver is only permitted to stop at approved bus stops. Please do not ask your driver to pick up your student in front of your home. Due to the number of students transported daily, it is impossible to stop at everyone's home or all parents to see the bus stop from their door. Bus stops are designed to be within a reasonable walking distance.
- ❖ An approved adult must be present to meet kindergarten, preschool and students with special needs – otherwise the bus driver must return your student to school and you will be required to pick them up.
- ❖ Problems on the bus – For issues pertaining to the bus ride, contact the Transportation Department. For issues before boarding or at the bus stop, contact the Principal of your student's school.
- ❖ Changes in bus routes –No changes will be made until after the 2nd full week of school. Any major changes or rerouting will be communicated to those affected through SchoolMessenger alerts.

- ❖ No Eating or Drinking on the bus at any time.
- ❖ Lost and Found – If your student loses something on the bus please check with the driver. Items left on the bus are held for one week and then sent to the Lost and Found at the appropriate school.
- ❖ Delayed opening – If there is a delayed opening your student's bus will arrive two hours later than its normal pick up time.

As the administrator in charge of transportation, it is my goal to ensure the Transportation Department maintains its high standards. In the event you have attempted but are unable to resolve your transportation issue through the Transportation Department, please feel free to contact me (856)778-6600 ext. 18150.

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