

Magnet School Transportation Guidelines

- Bus transportation will be provided to District 196 residents at the beginning and end of a full school day.
- Half-day kindergarten magnet students who live outside of the attendance area of the magnet school will be provided with district transportation for one way only; parents will be responsible for providing mid-day transportation. Half-day kindergarten preferences (morning or afternoon) will be determined by the individual magnet schools and the transportation department.
- There will be one designated morning pick-up and one afternoon drop-off site for a student.
- School buses will not pick up students within the walk zone of any school. If a student lives within the walk zone of any school, the student can either walk to the neighborhood school (which will serve as the bus stop) or the family may pay for a closer bus stop (within the walk zone) using the Fee for Service option.
- Existing neighborhood bus stops will be used for magnet school pick ups and drop offs.
- On or before **August 1** parents must complete district transportation form 707.7.3P for each child attending a magnet school.
- Bus stops will be set **August 1**. Any student placed in a magnet school **after August 1** will need to use one of the existing magnet school bus stops.
- For students that require or request a change (**after August 1**).
 - The magnet school bus stops will be reviewed and adjusted **mid-October**.
- Reasons for adjustments to the magnet bus routes.
 - The distance the child walks to the stop exceeds the current bus stop criteria (If transportation form 707.7.3P was filled out by August 1).
 - There are safety concerns related to the bus stop.
- Bus stop requests made **after the mid-October** review.
 - The request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - Consideration will be given to changes that do not extend the time of a bus route.

Magnet School Transportation Route & Bus Stop Timeline

August	Bus stop location and time is sent to families.
August 1 – Mid-October	No adjustments to routes, stops and times.
Mid-October	Bus routes, stops and times may be adjusted. Parents will be informed of changes to bus stop location and time.
Mid-October – June	Any new students or changes must use existing bus routes, stops and times.