

# Transportation Information for the 2018-2019 School Year

## Bus Routes Posted for Year-Round Schools

- Parents are asked to check their individual child's transportation information on [Homebase/Powerschool](#) by clicking on "Transportation." On that section you will find:
  - Transportation Status
  - Transportation Type
  - Route Description
  - Stop Location
  - Estimated bus top arrival times
- If you have not signed up for Homebase/Powerschool please do so via [WCPSS Homebase/Powerschool's webpage](#)
- [WLMS Bus Routes are posted online now](#)
  - **Please check your child's bus route number on Homebase/Powerschool as their bus route number is likely to be different than the previous school year.**

## Returning WLMS Students

- The 2018-19 cut off dates for eligible families ([neighborhood or express service as determined by student's school assignment](#)) requesting transportation to ensure service on the first day of school is **SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018 @ 11:59pm regardless of track assignment.**
- For families who request transportation services after the cutoff date, bus service is not guaranteed for the beginning of the school year. Requests received after these cutoff dates will be processed in the order received. Transportation will make every effort to provide service using existing bus stops as quickly as possible.
  - Returning WLMS Students who **DID** ride the bus in the 2017-2018 school year and are planning on riding the bus again in the 2018-2019 school **DO NOT** need to take any action to get transportation set up.
  - Returning WLMS Students who **DID NOT** ride the bus in the 2017-2018 school year (walker or carpool) but **DO need** bus transportation for the 2018-2019 school year will need go online at [www.wcpss.net/busrider](http://www.wcpss.net/busrider) and complete the form.
  - Returning WLMS Students who **DO NOT need** bus transportation at all are kindly asked to submit the decline bus form at [www.wcpss.net/declinebus](http://www.wcpss.net/declinebus) so that we have the family's most up-to-date information.

## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders or New Students

- The 2018-19 cut off dates for eligible families ([neighborhood or express service as determined by student's school assignment](#)) requesting transportation to ensure service on the first day of school is **SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018 @ 11:59pm regardless of track assignment.**
  - Rising 6th Graders or New Students who **DO need** bus transportation for the 2018-19 school year, should go online at [www.wcpss.net/busrider](http://www.wcpss.net/busrider) and complete the form.
  - Rising 6th Graders or New Students who **DO NOT need** bus transportation are kindly asked to submit the decline bus form at [www.wcpss.net/declinebus](http://www.wcpss.net/declinebus) so that we have the family's most up-to-date information.

## Request an Alternate Bus Stop

- After the first month of school, transportation-eligible bus riders may request service to a before or after school care provider for the duration of the school year as an alternative to their student's home address of record.
- Priority is given to transportation-eligible students requesting service to and from home to school, it may take several weeks to process your request.
- Parents may submit a request for an [Alternate Bus Stop online](#) starting Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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## [Joint Custody for Dual Stop Request Process](#)

- Parents please follow the guidelines listed on the website for making this request. WLMS will start submitting all completed requests when WCPSS Transportation opens the portal which is expected to be on **TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018** so long as we have all the correct and completed materials from parents.

## [Here Comes the Bus App](#)

- WCPSS bus rider families are now able to use a free bus tracking system called **Here Comes the Bus**.
- **Here Comes the Bus** translates GPS data into an easy to use customizable map that works on a computer, tablet or smartphone. It allows you to see where the bus is and how close it is to your stop.
- Click the link above to get more information and to download the App

## [Walker Information](#)

- Parents that wish for their child to be a walker after school must complete and sign a Walker Permission Form and submit it to the Main Office
- Students will be given a WLMS Walker Pass that they must have readily accessible to show staff at dismissal

## [Activity Bus Information](#)

- Start date is To Be Determined
- Students must have signed permission slip completed and turned into their coach/advisor 2 days prior to needing to ride the activity bus
- The Activity Bus runs only Monday-Thursday & will leave from WLMS at 5:00pm
- The Activity Bus will make 3 stops— To Be Determined
- Students will not be dropped off at the students' home