



USD 253 transports over 2,000 students and cover 135 square miles. It is our goal to provide the safest possible transportation for your student. If you have any questions, please call the Transportation Office at 341-2219. Following is a summary of who qualifies for transportation within USD 253.

### REGULAR ROUTES

Regular routes are created to provide transportation for students who live 1.5 miles or more from their assigned school. *(State funding is provided to USD 253 to help offset the cost for students who live 2.5 miles or more from school. We do NOT receive state transportation funding for students who live less than 2.5 miles from their attendance center.)*

Regular routes are created for EHS, EMS, Logan, Riverside, Timmerman, and Village. There are NO regular routes for Walnut and WAW because their entire school boundary is less than 1.5 miles from school.)

### CITY STOPS

Students who live within the city limits will usually be picked up at an established city stop, where several students can gather and be picked up at the same time. City stops are established with safety in mind, taking into consideration where students live, which side of the street the bus can pick up on, etc...

### COUNTRY STOPS

Students who live outside the city limits where it is difficult to create a city stop are generally picked up individually near their home. The actual pick up location will depend on accessibility by bus. *(Buses cannot run on some county roads, and cannot cross water when roads flood.)*

### DANGER ZONES (extreme hazards)

Some areas have been designated as danger zones, even though they are less than 1.5 miles from the school, because there are extreme hazards on the path to school. Our district considers railroad tracks and highways as extreme hazards.

### PAY TO RIDE (slight hazards)

A few areas have been designated as slightly hazardous, even though they are less than 1.5 miles from the school, and fees have been applied to students who ride from these areas. Currently, only Timmerman and Village have pay-to-ride areas.

### NO-TRANSPORT AREAS

Students who live more than 1.5 miles from their assigned school are in a No-transport zone. Families who live in a No-transport zone are responsible for providing their own transportation. The No-transport zone will vary for each school. Students who attend an elementary school outside of their home boundary are considered to be in a No-transport area.

### TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM HOME

Students are assigned a stop closest to their home, and are expected to ride to and from their designated home stop only. Requests for alternate stops can be submitted to the Transportation office with 48-hours notice. Approval of these requests will depend on space availability, route times, reason for request, and other factors.

### SPECIAL NEEDS

Students who have specific transportation needs defined in their IEP may qualify for transportation on a special needs bus. For more information, contact the Transportation Dept. or the FHSEC. *(NOTE: Not every IEP requires special transportation.)*

### PRESCHOOL

Transportation is available for a limited number of preschool students. For more information, contact the Transportation Dept. or Maynard Preschool.

### AFTER-SCHOOL SHUTTLES

*(sometimes called the Late Shuttles)*

Limited transportation is provided for students who stay for after-school activities.

### EHS/EMS SCHOOL DEPART TIMES

The depart times from each building are subject to change, based on the current activities and the needs of each school.

Mon – Fri: EHS 4:25; EMS 4:30

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Regular city shuttle stops only – no country stops

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEPART TIMES

There are currently no after-school shuttles for elementary students.

### DROP OFF TIMES WILL VARY

The drop off times at each stop will vary each day based on the number of students riding.

**Contact the Transportation Office  
with questions. 341-2219**

*You can find more information  
on the district website, [www.usd253.org](http://www.usd253.org)  
(Select District Services, then Transportation.)*