

2019-2020 BUS ROUTES

Milford Public School Families,

This Newsletter contains a lot of important information regarding school transportation for Milford students.

The bus route information for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year will be posted on the Milford Public Schools' website. If your child is eligible to receive school transportation, his/her bus number can be found on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. **Please note: We have changed the bus numbers this year – please make sure you check PowerSchool before reviewing the routes and ensure your child has the correct information.**

Below is the schedule of when the bus routes and the PowerSchool Parent Portal will be opened:

Middle & High school student's information will be available on Thursday, August 15, 2019

Elementary school student's information will be available on Friday, August 16, 2019

Link to bus 2019-20 bus routes:

<https://www.milforded.org/department/transportation>



PROVISIONS FOR NON-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

If your child is not currently eligible for transportation, there is a provision for non-eligible students to receive transportation under limited and specific conditions. Please use this link for information and forms for this program:

http://www.milforded.org/uploaded/MPSPolicies/iso_docs/TRN-F003.pdf

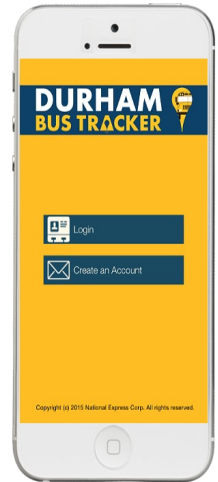
http://www.milforded.org/uploaded/MPSPolicies/iso_docs/TRN-P005.pdf

BUS TRACKER APP

Last year we introduced a Bus Tracker App that was developed by Durham School Services which allows parents and guardians to **securely** view the bus location of their child(ren)'s bus in relationship to their assigned bus stop.

To obtain information, sign-up and create your **secure** login, to use the application on your smart phone or web browser, in several ways. Specifically you can go to:

- ◆ For information: www.durhamschoolservices.com/durhambustracker
- ◆ To create your **secure** login account: <https://www.durhambustracker.com/secure/login>
- ◆ For technical support, please contact: support@durhambustracker.com



In order to view the bus location and follow the route, parents and guardians will need to:

- ◆ Create an account by clicking on “Need a Login”;
- ◆ Enter the state and then the city of your child’s Durham School Services’ customer service center:
- ◆ Enter your child’s **9 digit PowerSchool issued ID number**,
- ◆ Enter your child’s last name; and
- ◆ Use the plus sign (+) to add your additional children who use Durham’s bus services

Please note, this application is to be used as a guide only. Students should continue to report to their bus stop at the regularly scheduled time. Additionally, the App is updated by the bus company and at times there may be extenuating circumstances that may delay the updates.

HELPFUL LINKS

Milford Public Schools Transportation Website:

<https://www.milforded.org/department/transportation>

Transportation policy:

http://www.milforded.org/uploaded/MPSPolicies/Policies_3000/3541_P_Transportation_Approved_1_9_17.pdf

Request for Bus Stop/Route Change:

If you have a concern regarding your child’s bus stop, please complete the Request for Bus Stop/Route Change/Addition/Deletion Form TRN-F001 (click on link below) and send it to Judy Messologitis via email jmessologitis@milforded.org or fax it to 203-783-3474.

http://www.milforded.org/uploaded/MPSPolicies/iso_docs/TRN-F001.pdf

SAFETY

Crossing the street is always dangerous, and a child should cross the street in front of the school bus. Immediately after descending from the bus, she/he should turn left, walk straight for at least ten to fifteen feet, and then make eye contact with the driver before she/he starts to cross the street in front of the school bus. Your child needs to understand that if they cannot see the bus driver, from their vantage point, the driver probably can't see them. Most bus drivers will give your child a signal to begin crossing the street. Make sure your child knows to wait for this signal.

Motorists do disobey the law. Occasionally they pass a school bus on the left after the bus has turned on its flashing red lights and has stopped. Teach your child to look left just before she/he steps beyond the front of the school bus. Also, remind her/him that, although it only happens rarely, a motorist may pass the school bus on the right. Your child needs to take a look to her/his right, just before she/he steps off the school bus, to make sure the way is clear.

Explain to your child that she/he should never bend down near or under a school bus to pick up something. The driver may lose sight of her/him and start moving forward.



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