



BVSD is introducing a new system on our school buses to help us track in real time where and when students board and disembark from our buses. The *BVSD Access Pass* will help increase student safety by providing the school district with more accurate ridership data. We plan to expand to all grades for the 2019/2020 school year.

Each student will be issued a *BVSD Access Pass* with an RFID chip that will be read by an ID scanner on the bus. Students will swipe the card past the scanner when they board and again when they disembark the bus. A light on the scanner will change from orange to green to indicate the card has been successfully read.

A very limited amount of information will be printed on the ID card, including the student's last name, first initial, and the phone number for BVSD Security. The RFID chip transmits a signal that only carries the student's ID number, so no additional personal information or data regarding student travel is accessible from the card.

As soon as students receive their *BVSD Access Pass*, they will be required to use it to board the bus. A lanyard or cardholder (dependent on grade level) will be provided with the first ID at the student's school. We encourage parents to speak with their student about the importance of keeping track of their BVSD Access card. For younger students, we are suggesting that they simply keep the card attached to their backpack, for easy daily access.

An app will be available for parents to know in real time where and when your child entered and exited the school bus with their BVSD access card. Have comfort knowing your child is safe. Information can be found at this [link](#).

We will allow students to board a bus up to three times without a card, for those times when they are forgetful.

Lost cards should be reported to the school principal or transportation.

Again, we believe the new *BVSD Access Card* will help us to better track our students, resulting in increased safety and student well-being.

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the BVSD Ridership Expert Kathryn Godfrey at kathryn.godfrey@bvsd.org.