

VIRTUAL TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION SESSION

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PREPARING STUDENTS
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Introductions



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Transportation Services

- CPS provides transportation to eligible district residents who attend district schools, non-public schools, and charter schools
- CPS currently goes beyond state law:
 - Grades K-12 who live 1 mile or more receive transportation
 - State Law requires only 2 miles
 - CPS' 2022-2023 school year average distance from home to bus stop was .18 mile
 - State Law requires maximum distance of .5 mile between home and bus stop



Transportation Recap from 22-23 SY

- Nation-wide bus driver shortage
- CPS is a district of choice, yellow bus transports students nonstop from home to school, CPS allows alternative and deviated stops
- Recap 2022-2023 School Year:
 - Decrease of walk zone to 1 mile
 - Students in grades 7&8 moved to yellow bus services
 - Added Opt-in Metro services for 7th and 8th graders



Options Considered for Restructuring Transportation

1

**Reducing and
balancing the
number of start
times in the district**

2

**Changing the walk
zone eligibility**

3

**Consolidating bus
stops**

Parameters used in adjusting start times

Non-Negotiable Parameters

- 1 Maintain healthy start times for high schools (no earlier than 8:00)
- 2 Align K-8 and K-12 schools to high school start times
- 3 Ensure spread with high school start times does not exceed 50 mins (e.g., 8:00 & 8:50)

7 High Schools requested a 7:45 start time

Nice to Have Parameters

- 4 Keep schools as close as possible to current start times
- 5 Minimize the number of schools that have to move times (move schools with more routes first)
- 6 Account for programmatic/school type needs when possible

CPS Moved to a Paired Two-Tier System

Paired Two-Tier

Start Times	# CPS Elem.	# CPS High
7:40	23	—
8:00	12	9
8:50	9	8
9:10	10	—

- Tiered System aligns with healthy start times

Notes: 1. Elementary Schools include K-8 schools. 2. High Schools include K-12 or any school with grades 9-12. 3. Speciality partner programs are included; Non-Publics/Charters are not. 5 Schools without busses are not included.



Additional Changes for 23-24 SY

- The transportation call center staff is transitioning to CPS employees
 - Call center will be staffed by 8 CPS employees
- All deviated stops were carried over from last year to reduce data entry error
- All routes are available in PowerSchool as of August 8, 2023



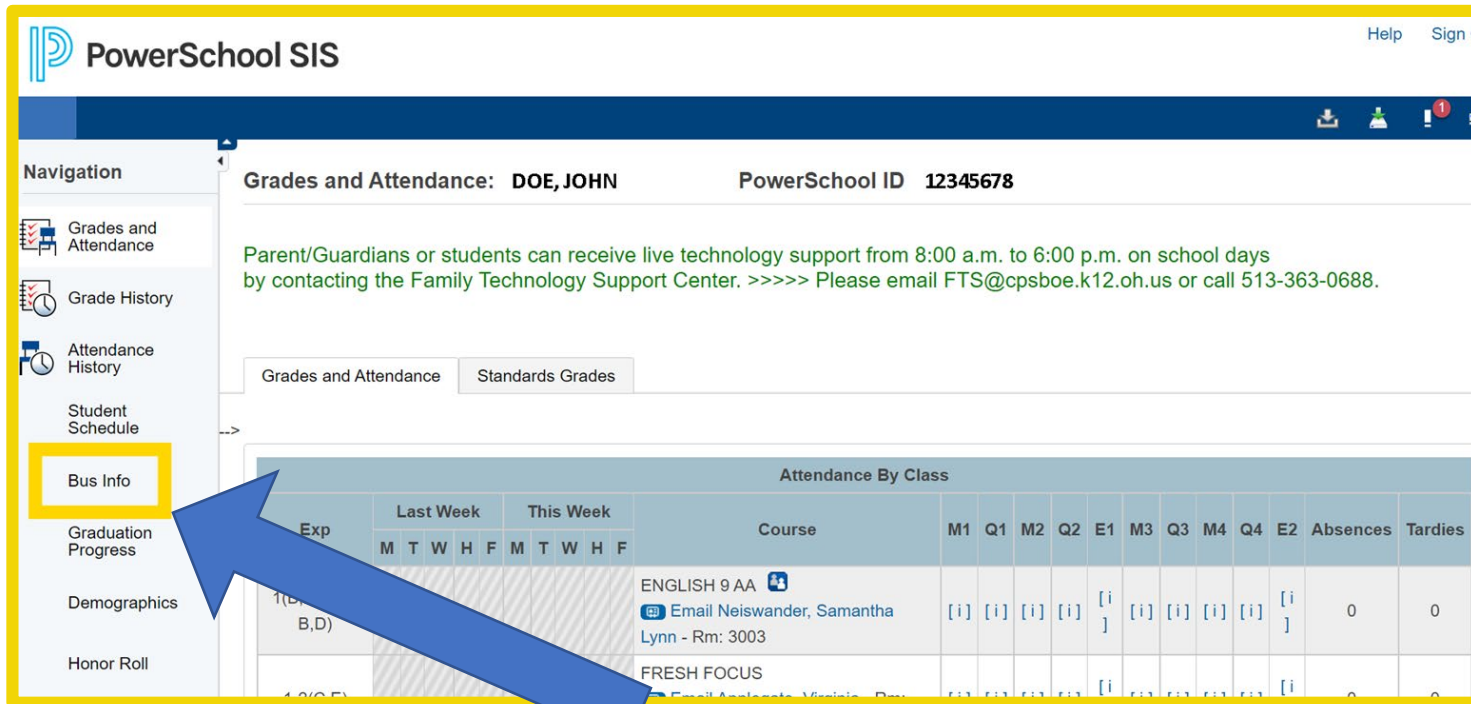
Before school begins – Yellow Bus

- Yellow Bus – Grades K-8
 - 7&8th-grade students may opt-in to Metro services
- Parents/Guardians must ensure the correct phone #, email, and home address is entered in PowerSchool – all updates must be made at your child's school
- All yellow bus riders, including Catholic, Non-Public, Charter, & Community schools, will receive bus stop time/location via:
 - E-mail & Robo call from PowerSchool
 - Families should login to PowerSchool on their desktop devices for bus information and MyStop Credentials



Before school begins – Yellow Bus

- Transportation information available to families in Powerschool on desktop as of August 8



PowerSchool SIS

Navigation

- Grades and Attendance
- Grade History
- Attendance History
- Student Schedule
- Bus Info**
- Graduation Progress
- Demographics
- Honor Roll

Grades and Attendance: DOE, JOHN PowerSchool ID 12345678

Parent/Guardians or students can receive live technology support from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on school days by contacting the Family Technology Support Center. >>>> Please email FTS@cpsboe.k12.oh.us or call 513-363-0688.

Grades and Attendance Standards Grades

Attendance By Class

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	Attendance										Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F		M1	Q1	M2	Q2	E1	M3	Q3	M4	Q4	E2		
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TO SCHOOL

Route#	Pickup Time	Pickup Location	Bus#
245	7:35 AM	RIDGE AVE & HIGHLAND AVE	72

School Location: WOODFORD ACADEMY

FROM SCHOOL

Route#	Dropoff Time	Dropoff Location	Bus#
257	4:05 PM	RIDGE AVE & HIGHLAND AVE	15

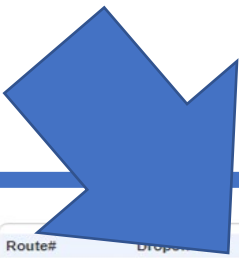
AFTER SCHOOL

Route#	Dropoff Time	Dropoff Location	Bus#
		Student does not ride bus home from an after-school program	

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Route Planning – Yellow Bus

- Versatrans MyStop app improved functionality for better bus tracking
- Download the Versatrans MyStop App – Google & iPhone
- Find MyStop username and password information via Powerschool
- Elementary School Staff will coordinate safe/efficient staging of yellow buses
- High School staff will communicate safe/efficient staging and loading of **yellow buses** transporting students grades 7 and 8.
- Catholic, Non-Public, Charter, & Community schools will receive phone calls, robo calls, and emails about their student's specific transportation needs
- Extracurricular Activities – Campus athletics staff & coordinators will issue Metro Passes for grades 7 & 8; these Metro passes will have a different design (color/font) than grades 9-12; will be active from 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm



AFTER SCHOOL				
Route#	Dropoff	Dropoff Location	Bus#	Vendor
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

MY STOP		
User Name	Default Password	Family ID
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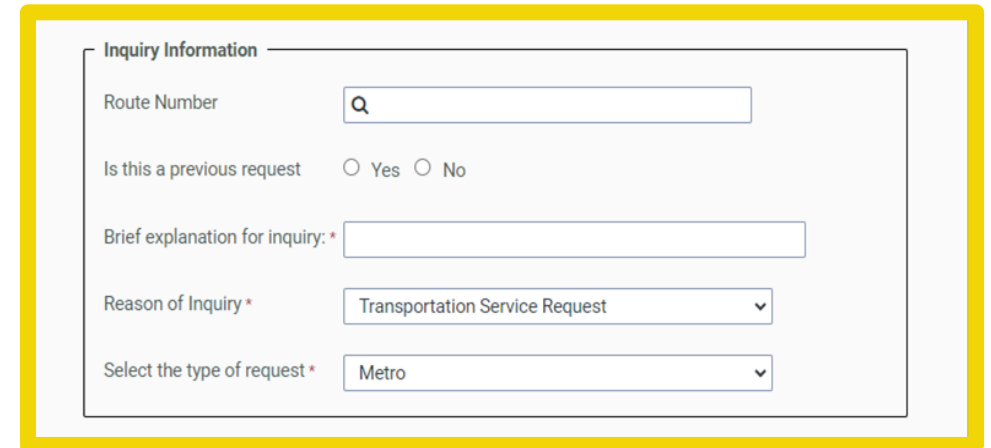
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Transportation – Grades 7 & 8

- Students in Grades 7 & 8 can ride METRO to and from school
- You must complete the transportation inquiry form on the CPS website. Once approved, your child's new transportation ID card will be provided to the school for delivery to your child within 5 - 7 business days
- Once METRO status for your child in Grades 7 and/or 8 have been activated, your child will be reassigned to METRO and removed from the yellow bus
- Since the district must purchase a full year METRO pass, you will only be able to make a request to return to a yellow bus service at the end of the semester
- If your child is being removed from the yellow bus for a disciplinary reason, the district will not provide a METRO pass.

*Scan me to visit the CPS
Transportation Page!*

A screenshot of the 'Inquiry Information' form on the CPS website. The form is titled 'Inquiry Information' and contains several fields: 'Route Number' with a search icon, 'Is this a previous request' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', 'Brief explanation for inquiry: *' with a text area, 'Reason of Inquiry *' with a dropdown menu showing 'Transportation Service Request', and 'Select the type of request *' with a dropdown menu showing 'Metro'. The form is highlighted with a yellow border.

Inquiry Information	
Route Number	<input type="text"/>
Is this a previous request	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Brief explanation for inquiry: *	<input type="text"/>
Reason of Inquiry *	<input type="text" value="Transportation Service Request"/>
Select the type of request *	<input type="text" value="Metro"/>

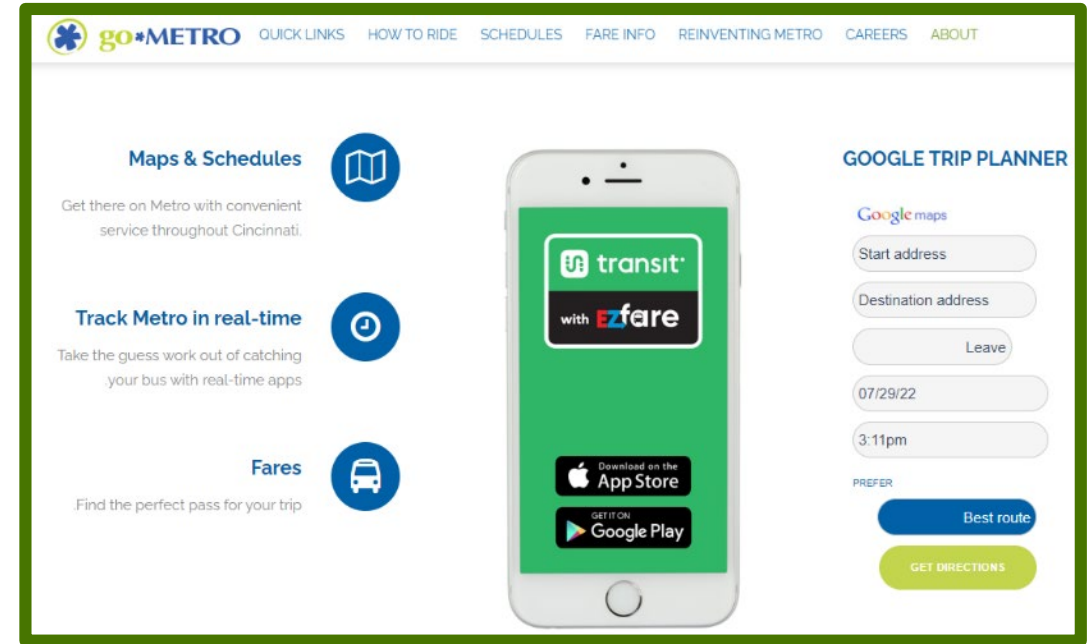
Before school begins – Metro Bus

- Metro Bus – Grades 9-12 and Grades 7&8 who requested Metro services
- All Metro bus riders will receive information for route lookup as of August 13:
 - Robocall reminding families on where to find route look-up and who to call for issues at CPS and Metro
 - Catholic, Non-Public, Charter, & Community schools will receive phone calls, robocalls, and emails about their student's specific transportation needs.
- Parents can practice their students Metro routes Aug 14-16 by telling the driver they are participating in the free CPS Parent Ride-Along
- Permanent **Metro Smart Cards** have been delivered to campuses for distribution to students in grades 9-12 and opt-in grades 7&8.
 - If students are not able to pick up their pass on the first day of school, they will still be able to ride
 - Drivers have been instructed to remind students to pick up their passes
 - Some students may also be able to pick up Metro passes at their school's open house



Route Planning - Metro

- Students riding **Metro** can also get their bus information from the Metro Website or a link on our CPS Website
 - <https://www.go-metro.com/#googletripplanner>
<https://www.cps-k12.org/findmybus>
- 9TH – 12TH and opt-in 7TH -8TH grade plastic **METRO** Smart Cards will only be active:
 - 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 - 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.





Riding Metro to School

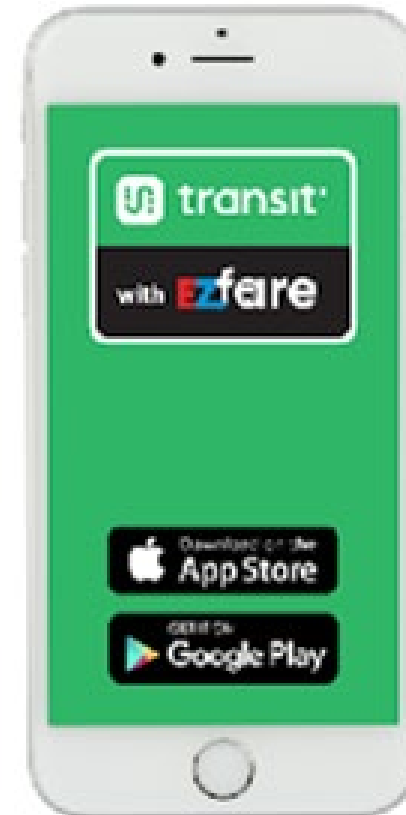
REINVENTING
METRO!

- Metro student passes are valid for eligible 7-12 grade students
- Weekdays only between 6:00 - 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Extracurricular passes valid for eligible 7-12 graders between 4:00 – 10:30 p.m.
- No additional fare required with pass



How to plan your trip:

- On desktop use “Google Transit” or the Transit App on mobile phones.
- Enter your home address and school name and time you’d like to depart or arrive.
- **IMPORTANT: Set the date for the first day of school or later.**
- 100% of students will have an option with one or no transfers required.



GOOGLE TRIP PLANNER

Google maps

Start address

Destination address

Leave

09/12/22

3:10pm

Find it

Best route

GET DIRECTIONS



Tips for riding Metro:

- Download Transit App to track your bus in real-time.
- Arrive at the designated bus stop 5-10 minutes in advance.
- Once onboard tap your bus pass on the fare box and listen for the beep.
- Find a seat quickly or hold on to a handrail if standing.



Need assistance?

- Metro staff onsite at school orientations
- Metro staff at major stops and schools during first few days of school
- Visit www.go-metro.com for student info
- Call Metro: 513-621-4455
- Email Metro: customerservice@go-metro.com





HOW TO RIDE METRO VIDEO

**REINVENTING
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<https://youtu.be/E41yuiUsJqo>



HOW TO USE METRO APP

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<https://youtu.be/Xk-XsOuZE1U>

Thank You!

Key Transportation Phone Numbers & Links

CPS

- **Call:** 513-363-RIDE (7433), M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
- **Visit:** www.cps-k12.org/transportation, www.cps-k12.org/transportationfaq,
www.cps-k12.org/findmybus

Metro

- **Call:** 513-621-4455
- **Email:** customerservice@go-metro.com
- **Visit:** <https://www.go-metro.com/student-transportation>
- **Metro** Route look-up: <https://www.go-metro.com/maps.google.com>



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