

2020

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

BISMARCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Transportation resources for today and into the future

SUMMARY

The Bismarck School District provides transportation to and from school without charge for public school students (grades K-12) who qualify for transportation and who attend the school to which they have been assigned. All eligible students who are entitled to transportation services under an Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan will be provided free transportation in accordance with the program/plan and state and federal law.

The district also provides transportation for academics related field trips, activity related trips and various other things such as special needs job outings. The district operates and maintains 34 school and activity buses. In addition, the district maintains a fleet of 41 vans and cars used for transportation related trips.

The district contracts an additional 53 routes with a local bus operations company that provide general education routes, activity routes and field trips when needed.

GENERAL EDUCATION (TO AND FROM SCHOOL)

Routes

Bus routes, schedules, and stops will be developed annually and shall be communicated to parents whose children use the transportation system. The purpose of bus scheduling and routing will be to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses consistent with rendering reasonable equal service to all students. Bus routes will follow the most direct roads practicable for bus travel to serve those students entitled to transportation service. Where an alternate route may be selected without sacrifice of efficiency or economy, preference will be given to that route serving the largest number of students more directly. Routes will be designed to eliminate as many turn-around points as possible, and to employ as nearly as practicable the full carrying capacity for each bus trip. New routes will be established only when full capacity of the trips on existing routes has been reached or is imminent.

Eligibility

All elementary students who live over one-half mile from their boundary school and secondary students who live over one mile from their boundary school are eligible for transportation. Home to school distances will be determined by routing software that the Bismarck Public Schools uses. Additional consideration may be given for schools in developing neighborhoods which lack infrastructure for safe routes to schools until such infrastructure develops.

Registration

Registration to ride the school bus is required annually for all students who qualify for and wish to ride the public-school bus. Registration for first day, fall ridership shall open on May 15 of the prior school year with a closing deadline of July 15. Parents should register their child/ren even if the student will not be riding the school bus at the beginning of the year but plans to ride later in the school year.

Registrations received after the closing date of July 15, but prior to the beginning of school, will be processed and ridership for qualifying students shall begin no later than one month after the start of school or the date of registration, whichever is later.

Qualifying students who move into the District and register for busing during the school year will be added to the routes as soon as reasonably possible

Capacities

Capacity listed on the name plate on the bus is maximum capacity. Due to the difference in size of kindergarteners through high school students, maximum capacity does not necessarily state accurately how many students may ride the bus safely. Thus, the District and/or its contractor will determine capacity based on the grades and/or sizes of the students riding.

SPECIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION

Routes

Bismarck Pubic Schools has 40 routes for the sole purpose of transporting special needs students. The school district cannot discriminate based on disability or severity of their disability.

Eligibility

Eligibility is determined by the students IEP team.

Registration

Registration for special needs is done through the students Case Manager annually for all students who qualify and that is communicated with the transportation department.

FIELD TRIPS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Field Trips

Field trips serve to provide community based educational experience for students. These experiences provide authentic learning in a very meaningful way. Students are able to experience their community to learn skills, cultures, social emotional lessons, and progress toward mastery of content standards. If not for the school-based community experience, some students may not otherwise have the opportunity to engage with their community in this manner. Community based, authentic learning is an effective and meaningful way to support curriculum for students.

Physical Education

The district provides transportation for physical education students to experience lifetime activities that may not be available at their school building. This includes items like golf, bowling, ice skating, curling, frisbee golf, etc...

REPLACEMENT CYCLE

School Buses

15 years or 300,000 miles. Whichever occurs first

Activity Buses

12 years or 200,000 miles. Whichever occurs first

Vans/Cars - Activity

6 years or 100,000 miles. Whichever occurs first

Vans/Cars – In town use

15 years or 200,000 miles. Whichever occurs first

FLEET INVENTORY

School Bus

Vehicle #	Asset #	Year	Make	Type/Capacity	Fuel Type	Wheel Chair	Odometer reading FY21
1	112457	2003	Bluebird	43-64	Diesel	0	182,722
2	153670	2015	Thomas	HC/26-39	Diesel	4	78,289
3	1074	2020	Thomas	40-60	Diesel	0	10,920
4	109513	1985	Chevrolet Handy Bus		Diesel	4	307,298
5	1018	2018	Thomas	Activity/46	Diesel	0	80,570
6	112456	2003	Bluebird	20-30	Diesel	3	245,005
7	111790	2002	Freightliner	39-57	Diesel	0	215,699
8	141107	2012	Bluebird	54-84	Diesel	0	88,303
9	112455	2002	Bluebird	43-64	Diesel	0	215,494
10	153870	2017	Thomas	Activity/46	Diesel	0	125,736
11	109529	1992	Chevy Micro Bird	20	Gas	0	142,902
12	102933	2009	International	16-24	Diesel	4	188,033
13	141179	2014	International	54-84	Diesel	0	88,038
14	141290	2014	Freightline	43-65	Diesel	0	75,013
15	141285	2013	Thomas	Activity/46	Diesel	0	200,892
16	153893	2017	Thomas		Diesel	4	52,985
17	109510	1995	Bluebird	44-66	Gas	0	225,260
18	153871	2017	Thomas	HC/28-42	Diesel	4	27,285
19	115146	2003	Bluebird	54-84	Diesel	0	238,840
20	141055	2011	Thomas	Activity/46	Diesel	0	213,006
21	115075	2005	Thomas	43-65	Diesel	0	148,086
22	115080	2007	Thomas	43-65	Diesel	0	194,945
23	141054	2011	Thomas	54-84	Diesel	0	149,038
24	141060	2011	Bluebird	HC/20-30	Diesel	4	140,969
25	1032	2018	International	Activity	Diesel	0	41,458
26	141182	2014	Thomas	43-65	Diesel	0	89,650
27	141175	1999	Bluebird	HC/30	Diesel	2	226,058
28	115074	1994	Thomas	HC/	Gas	3	275,924
29	153861	2007	Bluebird	56-84	Diesel	0	143,036
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31	153894	2017	Bluebird	52-77	Diesel	0	39,820
32	1035	2019	Bluebird	HC/44-66	Diesel	4	26,132
33	1092	2021	International	HC/44-64	Diesel	4	1,108
34	1098	2021	Thomas	32-48	Diesel	0	3,837
36	1089	2021	Thomas	40-60	Diesel	0	2,059

Vans

Vehicle #	Asset #	Year	Make	Model	Department	Fuel Type	Wheel Chair Capacity	Odometer FY21
59	1194	2017	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	60,031
60	115107	2007	Chevrolet	Uplander	SN	Gas	0	75,783
61	1030	2007	Chevrolet	Uplander	SN	Gas	0	84,539
62	141048	2010	Chevrolet	Express	CA	Gas	0	91,193
63	141065	2007	Chevrolet	Uplander	CA	Gas	0	99,634
64	141125	2002	Chrysler	Town & Country	SN	Gas	0	57,640
65	141049	2010	Chevrolet	Express	Activity	Gas	0	97,673
66	141058	2007	Chevrolet	Uplander	SN	Gas	0	114,731
67	141040	2007	Chevrolet	Uplander	SN	Gas	0	103,242
68	153791	2008	Chevrolet	Sport	SN	Gas	0	85,419
69	153883	2006	Chevrolet	Uplander	SN	Gas	0	96,907
70	153874	2008	Chevrolet	Uplander	SN	Gas	0	88,354
71	153873	2007	Chevrolet	3/4 stretch Express	SCHS	Gas	0	80,449
72	153865	2011	Dodge	Grand Caravan	BECEP	Gas	0	76,424
73	1001	2013	Dodge	Grand Caravan	BECEP	Gas	0	71,627
74	1002	2013	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	69,288
75	1003	2016	Dodge	Caravan	Activity	Gas	0	50,013
76	1004	2017	Chevrolet	Express	Activity	Gas	0	21,925
77	1020	2010	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	86,628
78	1011	2011	Dodge	Caravan	SN	Gas	0	72,690
79	1012	2010	Dodge	Caravan	SN	Gas	0	85,797
80	141063	2008	Chevrolet	Impala	SN	Gas	0	116,590
81	141064	2008	Chevrolet	Impala	SN	Gas	0	105,921
82	1019	2013	Chevrolet	Impala	SN	Gas	0	54,831
83	1038	2010	Dodge	Caravan	SN	Gas	0	142,497
84	1041	2012	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	73,003
85	1042	2010	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	67,437
86	1079	2011	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	69,770
87	1080	2013	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SIT	Gas	0	88,820
88	1085	2011	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	68,379
89	1086	2012	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN/SIT	Gas	0	70,458
90	1499	2014	Chrysler	Town & Country	SN	Gas	0	77,517
91	1102	2014	Dodge	Grand Caravan	GE	Gas	0	73,229
92	1103	2017	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	54,630
93	1187	2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	50,630
94	1188	2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	63,800
95	1189	2016	Chrysler	Town & Country	Activity	Gas	0	56,146
96	1190	2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	37,373
97	1191	2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	40,098
98	1192	2016	Chrysler	Town & Country	Activity	Gas	0	62,427
99	1193	2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	SN	Gas	0	40,420