

2024-2025 Subscription Busing Information

The Sayreville Board of Education will be offering subscription busing for the 2024-2025 school year for middle and high school students whose transportation is non-mandated. Non-mandated transportation applies to 6th through 8th grade students who live less than two miles (2.0) from the middle school, and 9th through 12th grade students who live less than two-and-a-half (2.5) miles from the high school as per N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 and specified under the criteria of N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.4.

Families who wish to participate in the subscription busing program must be currently registered in the district prior to applying. Subscription busing applications will not be processed unless all fees and fines (ex. Food service account balances, book fines, Chromebook fines, etc.) are paid in full by June 30th.

All applications are to be submitted by June 30, 2024. Applications will be reviewed and seats will be granted based on the distance from Home to School, giving priority to those that live furthest from the school. Please note that this is **NOT** door-to-door service. Bus stops will be centrally located for all students and students will be assigned to the stop closest to their home. No changes or requests for additional stops will be accepted.

The cost for subscription busing is \$560.00/per student, however, no fee is required for students eligible for free/reduced meals based on their free/reduced meal application for the 2023-2024 school year. You will be notified via email by July 15, 2024 if your student has been assigned a seat.

For those not eligible for free/reduced lunch:

Once your student has been assigned a seat, payment in full is required by July 30, 2024. Payment can be made through check or money order made payable to Sayreville Public Schools. Any returned checks will be subject to any bank fees incurred and loss of seat if not replaced within five (5) days. If payment is not received by July 30th, your seat will be forfeited. No refunds will be given for any reason. You will be notified via email by late August of your child's bus assignment.

For those eligible for free/reduced meals:

In order to be eligible for the no fee subscription busing, you must submit a [Free/Reduced Meal Application](#) for the 2024-25 school year and be deemed eligible for free or reduced meals. The application will not be available until July 1, 2024 and can be accessed [here](#) after that date. See directions for submitting your application by clicking [here](#). You must submit your application between July 1st and July 30th to qualify for the no fee subscription busing. If you do not submit the application by July 30th or are not eligible for free/reduced meals, you must pay the \$560.00 subscription busing fee by July 30th. If you do not submit the application by July 30th, are not eligible for free/reduced meals, or do not submit the \$560.00 subscription busing fee by July 30th, your seat will be forfeited. Please note that if you are required to pay the subscription busing fee, no refunds will be given for any reason. You will be notified via email by late August of your child's bus assignment.

Applications received after June 30th will be considered a "late application" and will be placed on a waiting list. Wait list applications will be reviewed after September 1, 2024 and if a seat

becomes available, your payment will be processed and we will notify you of your child's bus assignment.

All students participating in subscription busing are subject to the following rules regarding bus discipline and safety procedures. Failure to comply may result in loss of seat without a refund.

- Children must immediately take assigned seat on the bus, no standing or walking in aisles while the bus is in motion.
- Seat belts **MUST** be worn at all times.
- Children must cooperate with bus personnel.
- Deposit trash and waste paper in the waste container on the bus. Keep your bus clean.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK ON BUS**, this includes chewing gum.
- No tampering with bus equipment.
- Vandalism will not be tolerated.
- No inappropriate behavior. Fighting, shouting, shoving and profanity will not be tolerated.
- When boarding the bus, use handrails.
- Windows are to be opened at the discretion of the driver. Keep hands, feet, etc., inside the bus at all times. Nothing shall be thrown out of the windows.
- Explain to your child that the aisle of the bus will be kept clear of book bags, instruments, feet, etc. If large items are necessary to bring on the bus, they must fit on the child's lap or under the seat.

Please contact the Transportation department at 732-316-4045 or Patrick Cerniglia, Director of Transportation at Patrick.Cerniglia@SayrevilleK12.net with any questions.