



Transportation Update

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Goals of the Transportation Steering Committee



- To create an efficient and sustainable transportation system for the next five years to accommodate future growth in SoWashCo Schools.
- To reduce the number of bus routes needed.
- Increase the accuracy of ridership.
- Explore the radius method for measuring transportation area distances.
- Clearly define what a hazard is and review current hazardous areas.

Implemented Changes for 2024–2025

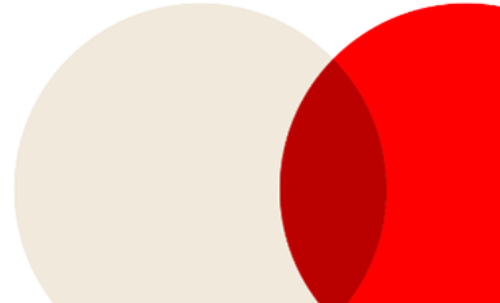


- Required Opt-In
- Removal of hazardous area north of Bailey Road (East Ridge High School)
- Start time change for Red Rock Elementary
- Reduction in number of routes for Pine Harbor Christian Academy students



Number of Routes by Year

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Morning	99	88	80
Afternoon	100	88	87



Routing Software and Bus Rider ID Cards

- New routing software with navigation and bus rider information.
- All general education bus riders will be given a Bus Rider ID card.
- Students will use Bus Rider ID cards to scan when they get on and off the bus.
- Provide a safe and accurate account of all students.
- View capacity trends and more efficiently allocate resources.



Transportation Staffing

- All routes are currently staffed with Bus Drivers
- Monitor staffing and continue to hire Bus Drivers
- Administrative Specialist & Administrative Assistant-Router positions open



Looking Ahead

- Work through timing issues with current routes.
- Monitor load counts and make adjustments to routing as needed.
- Monitor staffing and continue to hire bus drivers and office staff
- Reconvene Transportation Steering Committee in October to review changes for 2024-2025 and look ahead at 2025-2026.



Questions?

