

STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION FAQ



Are all students (public, community and chartered nonpublic, etc.) who live in the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District eligible for busing?

All students 30 minutes or less of direct travel time to their school are eligible to receive district-provided transportation. The 30 minute time period is determined by driving a school bus from the public building to which the students would be assigned if attending the public school designated by the district of residence to the enrolled community or chartered nonpublic school.

How many schools are served by district transportation?

Our district currently provides transportation to 27 schools, 9 of which are in the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District. In accordance with state and federal laws, we are required to transport students to community or chartered nonpublic schools, career-technical programs, and programs that serve those with disabilities. These routes often travel into neighboring counties, such as Portage and Stark.

Why does the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District provide bus transportation to students who attend schools and educational programs outside the district?

[Ohio Revised Code Section 3327.01](#) establishes that a board of education shall provide transportation to students enrolled in a community school or nonpublic school on each day in which that school is open for operation with students in attendance, regardless of whether the district's own schools are open for operation with students in attendance on that day.

Further, board of educations must provide transportation for all children with disabilities living in the school district who are enrolled in a nonpublic school and provide transportation from the high school to all students attending a career-technical program in another school district.

How can I get information about my student's bus transportation?

All bus information is available exclusively through the [MyRide K-12 app](#). The MyRide K-12 app is a convenient and easy-to-use school bus tracking tool that allows parents and students to access their busing information – including bus stop location, route, and pickup time – right from their phone or device.

The app provides users with:

- Real time bus tracking, so you know when your student gets on or off the bus
- Notifications to let you know when the bus is near your stop
- Ability to send and receive messages from the district about delays and dismissal

To download the app visit MyRideK12.tylerapp.com and then follow the step-by-step [instructions](#) from our district website.



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Why are buses sometimes late?

Our priority is to provide safe, reliable transportation for every eligible student. We work hard to keep parents informed when buses are running behind.

There are several factors that can cause unexpected delays, such as:

- Weather conditions
- Local construction and road closures
- Vehicle accidents
- Utility and street maintenance
- Mechanical issues

Occasionally, a driver may be covering an additional route when a substitute driver isn't available, which can also extend pick-up and/or drop-off times.

Do you notify parents when a bus route is running behind?

Yes! We keep parents informed through the [MyRide K-12 app](#) when any issues are affecting their student's bus route. Parents can also use the app for real time bus tracking.

How do you determine school arrival and departure times?

In accordance with state regulations, transported students in preschool-grade 12 should arrive at their respective schools no sooner than 30 minutes before the beginning of school and be available to be picked up no later than 30 minutes after the close of their school day.

Why doesn't the bus pick my student up at our front door?

To help reduce ride times for our students, we have been gradually shifting from door-to-door service to organized cluster stops. Each stop eliminated in this effort saves 30 to 60 seconds on travel time, allowing fuller routes to move more quickly and students to spend less of their day on the bus.

What is the school doing to improve the current staff shortage?

We are actively working to address the staff shortage in several ways, including:

- Recruiting qualified applicants through job postings, social media, and community outreach
- Adjusting routes strategically to reduce delays, while maintaining safety
- Utilizing qualified substitute drivers to cover staff shortages
- Shifting to cluster stops to reduce ride times
- Exploring long-term solutions to strengthen our driver pool

