



Bus Boarding Procedure

New Bus Boarding Procedure for Secondary Students

Fargo Public Schools will be implementing a new safety and accountability measure for all **middle and high school students** who ride district buses.

Beginning **Monday, October 27, 2025**, students will be required to **scan their school ID card or enter their student ID number (lunch number)** when boarding the bus to and from school.

To help students prepare, schools will share reminders and information during the week of **October 20–24**.

Why the Change?

This new procedure is being introduced to improve safety, communication, and efficiency across the district's transportation system.

- **Enhanced Safety and Security:**
Scanning IDs provides real-time information on which students are riding each bus and when they board or exit. This data can be vital in emergencies, helping ensure every student is accounted for.
- **Parental Peace of Mind:**
Through the **Here Comes the Bus** app, parents can receive notifications showing when and where their child boards or exits the bus—providing reassurance that their child has arrived safely.
- **Efficient Bus Management:**
The system helps the district and bus operators monitor ridership, adjust routes, and improve scheduling accuracy based on actual student use.

How It Works

Each student receives a **school ID card with a barcode** when school photos are taken. Students can either scan this card or manually enter their student ID number when getting on or off the bus.

- **Morning Trips:** Students will scan or key in when **boarding** the bus. Upon arrival at school, the bus driver will perform a quick walk-through to confirm all students have exited—saving time at drop-off.
- **Afternoon Trips:** Students must scan or key in **both when boarding and exiting** the bus at the end of the day.



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Connecting to the App

Parents can download and set up the **Here Comes the Bus** app to receive alerts when their student scans on or off the bus. [[Click here for setup instructions and app details.](#)]

If you have any questions about this new system, please contact your student's school office.

