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Dear Kyrene Community,

This message contains important information about Kyrene Transportation for the 2026-27 school year. All families should review the details below, as these updates apply to all schools, not only those impacted by consolidation.

### Boundary Changes

For families experiencing a boundary change, Kyrene will continue to use the following guidelines to determine bus eligibility:

- **Elementary:** Transportation is provided to in-boundary students living **1.5 miles or more** from their assigned school.
- **Middle school:** Transportation is provided to in-boundary students living **2 miles or more** from their assigned school.

Transportation zones also consider major roadways, geography and potential hazards. The Kyrene Transportation team is developing a tool families can use to confirm transportation eligibility next year.

### Bus service adjustments

School consolidation results in larger boundaries and expanded transportation areas. To support these changes, the following adjustments will take effect in 2026–

27:

- Bus stops across the district are under review. Most schools can expect adjustments to bus stop locations. Families will be able to verify stops this spring.
- Bus service will not be provided for Kyrene del Norte and Kyrene de los Lagos Dual Language Academies, which are transitioning to open-enrollment and will not have boundaries.
- Kyrene will use two hub stops to provide transportation for out-of-district students.
  - **North Hub:** Near 48th street and Baseline, serving Kyrene de los Niños Elementary, Kyrene de las Lomas Elementary, Kyrene Middle School and Centennial Middle School.
  - **South Hub:** Location to be finalized.
    - **2026-27:** serving Kyrene del Milenio Elementary and Akimel A-a Middle School.
    - **2027-28:** serving Kyrene del Milenio Elementary and Centennial Middle School.

Kyrene students from Maricopa may use the south hub, but buses will no longer travel to Maricopa.

- Additional rider requests will no longer be approved. Transportation will only be provided to eligible students. [View eligibility requirements.](#)

### What's not changing

- School start and end times (which are partly determined by the district's ability to provide transportation) will remain the same next year.
- Kyrene will continue to provide transportation for middle school athletic events.
- Parents/guardians of kindergarten and first grade students must be present at the bus stop unless written permission is submitted to Kyrene Transportation.

### Coming Soon

To improve route planning and on-time service amid a nationwide driver shortage, Kyrene is exploring a rider registration (“opt-in”) system for future years. This would **not** change eligibility or limit access to transportation for eligible students. More information will be shared as plans develop.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [www.kyrene.org/asktransportation](http://www.kyrene.org/asktransportation).

Sincerely,

Kyrene School District

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