

# Learn about Busing Eligibility and Safety

*What is and is not considered when creating a bus stop?*

- We cannot provide bus stops that are within sight of all students' homes, so we encourage parents to be out at/near bus stops in order to model healthy behaviors as students wait.
- House stops are not made even though a bus travels past a student's house. Many routes travel past students' houses on the way to or from school. Adding additional stops decreases the efficiency of a route, increases expenses, and often results in late arrivals to school. Additionally, the higher frequency of stops results in impatient motorists driving around the bus. This creates a safety concern.
- A house stop is not made because there is only one student at the stop. Other students may be assigned to the stop but ride infrequently. Additionally, stops are made at corners for efficiency and to accommodate other students who may move into the neighborhood.
- Bus routes are designed to pick up students near their homes and are usually designated at corners. Students need to be outside and visible to the driver 7-10 minutes prior to the stop time.
- Weather conditions affect the comfort of waiting students but are not part of the criteria for a bus stop change. We encourage parents to plan appropriately on inclement weather days.
- The District does not guarantee bus stop locations from year to year. As neighborhood enrollments change, the District must change bus stop locations to ensure centralized stops and to maintain efficient routes.
- Buses are not routed into a cul-de-sac except for special education circumstances. A school bus requires significant space to safely turn around, and cul-de-sacs do not provide this.

*How do I know if I am eligible for free transportation?*

Students are eligible for free transportation if they live more than 1.5 miles from the school of attendance. Students may also be eligible for free transportation if they live less than 1.5 miles from the school of attendance and are within an approved hazard area. The identification and qualification of serious safety hazards are defined by the Illinois Department of Transportation in [this document](#).

*What if I am not eligible for free transportation?*

Adults may choose to pay for bus services for students. This option is dependent on the availability of seats on a route. Students who pay for bus services still follow the structure stated above. Bus fees must be paid at the District office before the student will be placed on a route or can be put on a payment plan.

*Who does Roselle School District 12 use to provide busing?*

We currently have a three-year contract with [First Student](#).

## School Bus Safety Tips

- Motorists who share the road with school buses need to know and follow school bus laws.
- Students who use our bus service can greatly increase their own safety by following a few easy guidelines:
  1. Be on time for the bus.
  2. Use caution when entering or exiting the bus.
  3. Stay on your side of the road –away from the road.
  4. Wait for the bus to stop and for your driver to signal to cross.
  5. Check traffic in both directions – then check it again!
  6. Cross the street directly and do not linger in the road.
  7. Walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
  8. Never crawl under a school bus.
  9. Keep hands, feet, head in the bus at all times.
  10. Avoid using gadgets near buses. Earbuds, cell phones, and handheld devices distract students from knowing when a bus is approaching.
  11. Remove, shorten or replace drawstrings on backpacks and clothing as they can catch in school bus doors.
  12. Keep instruments out of aisles.

# DANGER ZONES

