

JCPS Transportation Update

Sept. 26, 2023



Progress since August 9

Bus stop adjustments - 7,500 no-show stops removed.

Route consolidation and efficiency - Runs consolidated to free-up buses

Additional support at compounds - Assistance answering phones at compounds and the JCPS Transportation Office

Edulog Parent Portal Lite App - Allows families to see where their child's bus is in real-time

Incentives for drivers - Early Childhood runs and routes scheduled past 6 p.m. added to challenging route criteria

Additional resources - Miller Transportation providing 22 buses, EverDriven assisting with special needs transportation on a case-by-case basis, 8-passenger vans available

Updates to 2023-24 Calendar

- Ensures we still meet state requirement of 1062 instructional hours (170 days)
- Avoids extending the end of the school year
- Forgives four student days
- Makes up two days on 11/6 & 11/8 adding valuable instructional time sooner than later



Ongoing Challenges and Opportunities

Bus driver shortage

The nationwide bus driver shortage continues to impact JCPS.

Bus driver call ins

Highest number of call ins on Mondays and Fridays. **Friday, Sept. 22, more than 60 drivers called in.** We average 44 drivers a day calling in.

Recruiting drivers

11 new drivers passed their CDL test and will be on the road Sept. 30. Six drivers begin CDL testing this week.

Bus driver incentives

- Hourly **bonus pay** for up to 3 challenging routes
- Early Childhood runs and routes scheduled past 6 p.m. added to **challenging route criteria**
- \$6 **attendance bonus**

JCPS Routes and Drivers

2015

**Number of
Routes: 975**

**Full Time
Drivers*: 1080**

2022

**Number of
Routes: 740**

**Full Time
Drivers*: 650**

Current

**Number of
Routes: 568**

**Full Time
Drivers*: 578**

* Full Time Drivers totals include ORDs, who
do not drive the same route daily

If we had stayed with our old bell schedule with the New Student Assignment Plan, we would have 850 routes this year.



Efficiencies

Goal: All students dropped off by 6:30 p.m.

September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

→ 15 buses still on the road

→ 69 students still on buses

All students were dropped off by 7 p.m.



Trends with Routes, Riders, & Drivers

Ridership has remained consistent since 2010. We typically have between 65,000 and 70,000 students riding JCPS school buses daily.

The number of schools we transport students to has increased with the addition of Grace James Academy, W.E.B. DuBois, Echo Trail Middle, Hudson Middle, and increasing district-wide access to certain schools.

We have significantly consolidated routes and modified school start times to accommodate the bus driver shortage.

Additional Data Points

Averages based on data from first 21 days of school

Average number of students late per day because of late buses:
5256 (8% of total bus riders)

Average number of instructional minutes lost per late student, per day:
13.5 minutes per day

Average number of afternoon buses late per day: **42**

On the Horizon

Turn-by-turn GPS directions for bus drivers

Expanded Edulog Parent Portal App capabilities

Continued targeted recruitment of bus drivers

Evaluation of current transportation services



Future Transportation Considerations



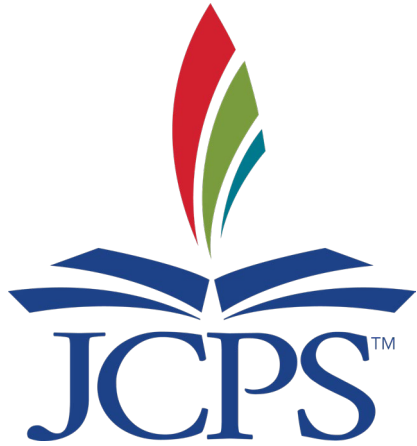


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Transportation Options for Next School Year

SNT students would receive transportation in all scenarios

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