# Here are the JCPS schools that will lose transportation under district's new plan



Jefferson County Public School bus. (WDRB file graphic)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- The Jefferson County Board of Education's decision to cut transportation for all magnet and traditional students at Jefferson County Public Schools, with few exceptions, will impact thousands of students.

Here is a complete list obtained by WDRB News of schools that will lose transportation next year:

## **Elementary Schools:**

Audubon Traditional

- Byck (Leadership Development Magnet Program students unless Byck is resides/zone school)
- Brandeis
- Carter Traditional
- Coleridge-Taylor Montessori
- Foster Traditional
- Greathouse/Shryock Traditional
- Hawthorne
- Indian Trail (Microsociety Magnet Program students unless Indian Trail is resides/zone school)
- Lincoln Performing Arts
- Schaffner Traditional
- Young

### **Middle Schools**

- Academy @ Shawnee
- Barret Traditional
- Farnsley (MST Magnet Program students unless Farnsley is resides/zone school)
- Highland (Fine Arts Magnet Program students unless Highland is resides/zone school)
- Jefferson County Traditional
- Johnson Traditional
- Meyzeek (MST Magnet Program students unless Meyzeek is resides/zone school)
- Newburg (MST Magnet Program students unless Newburg is resides/zone school)
- Noe (Gifted and Talented Magnet Program or Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program students unless Noe is

- resides/zone school)
- Olmsted Academy South (Gender-Specific and STEAM Magnet Program students unless OAS is resides/zone school)
- Western Middle School for the Arts
- Westport (Montessori Magnet Program students unless Westport is resides/zone school)

### **High Schools**

- Academy @ Shawnee (Academies of Louisville students unless Academy @ Shawnee is resides/zone school)
- Atherton (IB Magnet Program and Academies of Louisville students unless Atherton is resides/zone school)
- Ballard (Academies of Louisville students unless Ballard is resides/zone school)
- Butler Traditional
- Doss (Academies of Louisville students unless Doss is resides/zone school)
- duPont Manual
- Eastern (Academies of Louisville students unless Eastern is resides/zone school)
- Fairdale (Academies of Louisville students unless Fairdale is resides/zone school)
- Fern Creek ((Academies of Louisville students unless Fern Creek is resides/zone school)
- Iroquois (Academies of Louisville students unless Iroquois is resides/zone school)
- Jeffersontown ((Academies of Louisville students unless Jeffersontown is resides/zone school)
- Louisville Male Traditional

- Moore (Academies of Louisville students unless Moore is resides/zone school)
- Pleasure Ridge Park ((Academies of Louisville students unless Pleasure Ridge Park is resides/zone school)
- Seneca (Academies of Louisville students unless Seneca is resides/zone school)
- Southern (Academies of Louisville students unless Southern is resides/zone school)
- Valley (Academies of Louisville students unless Valley is resides/zone school)
- Waggener (Academies of Louisville students unless Waggener is resides/zone school)
- Youth Performing Arts School

The board voted to add exceptions for Central High School and Western High School students because both schools have more than 75% of students on free or reduced lunch.

The district predicts it will lose fewer instructional minutes next year if it can limit transportation and cut back on routes.

JCPS will continue to provide transportation to all students that attend their reside school. As well as students it is required by law to transport like students protected under the McKinney Vento act that are homeless and special education students that have transportation included in their individualized education program.

For the last several years, JCPS has struggled to <u>recruit enough bus</u> <u>drivers, resulting in buses running delayed</u>, up to several hours.

In attempt to resolve the problem, JCPS changed from just two to nine

start times, and partnered with out of state routing company AlphaRoute to maximize transportation with its limited drivers.

However, the first day of school with new start times and bus routes, proved to be disastrous for the district. The first day was plagued with bus delays in the morning and the afternoon. Some students' buses never showed up that morning, and others didn't get dropped off from school that evening until almost 10 p.m.

In Feb. 2024, JCPS said it has 558 drivers, 563 routes, and averages 52 drivers absent daily. That leaves 57 routes uncovered daily.

The district projects by July 2024, it will have 526 drivers. Assuming it averages the same number of drivers out daily, JCPS wants to have 474 or less routes a day, to ensure routes are covered by drivers.

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- JCPS board of education to vote on new transportation plan during special meeting Wednesday
- <u>JCPS board of education tables vote on new transportation plan as it discusses audit results</u>
- JCPS board chair concerned about access to magnet schools if buses cut
- JCPS transportation lead questions results of district audit as revamped busing plan sits on hold
- New audit places blame on JCPS, AlphaRoute for transportation disaster on first day of school
- A year in review of JCPS transportation system, busing issues in Louisville
- JCPS makes official recommendation on transportation plan ahead

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- JCPS committee reviewing all transportation options, including one not previously discussed in-depth
- <u>Kentucky House committee passes resolution that would create</u> task force to 'monitor' JCPS
- JCPS board members weigh in on transportation options up for consideration
- JCPS considers solutions for transportation and dealing with behavior issues on buses
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