

USD 383 Transportation

The USD 383 Transportation Department employs about 60 bus drivers, 17 bus monitors, 2 dispatchers, 1 discipline coordinator, 2 routing specialists, 4 mechanics, 1 admin asst., and 1 director. Our fleet of 70 buses travels about 750,000 miles every year on 98 bus routes, and over 1100 activity trips.

Did you know? (Taken from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website)

- School buses keep an annual estimated 17.3 million cars off roads surrounding schools each morning.
- School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school.
- School buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and preventing injury.

The following rules and regulations are presented here as defined by the Kansas Department of Transportation and Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. Parents are expected to review these rules with their child. As with any list of rules, it isn't possible to anticipate every type of misbehavior that occurs on school buses, or at bus stops. The rules presented here are a guide for students, parents, teachers, and administrators to help ensure basic standards of conduct.

1. The bus driver shall be in charge of all passengers while they are riding, loading and unloading from the bus.
2. The bus driver shall have the authority to assign a seat to each passenger.
3. Students shall not stand in the traveled portion of the roadway while waiting for the bus.
4. Students shall not extend any part of their bodies out of the bus windows.
5. Students shall not get on or off the bus or move about while the bus is in motion.
6. No smoking or chewing of tobacco or lighting matches/lighters on the bus.
7. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be consumed or carried in the bus.
8. Animals or insects shall not be transported on the bus.
9. No weapons of any type, knives, guns, tear gas, flammable liquids, or any other object or material that may harm another student shall be carried on the bus.
10. No eating or drinking is permitted on the bus.
11. No vandalizing of the bus or tampering with its equipment is permitted.
12. Students may not open or close any doors except in cases of emergency.
13. Students shall not disembark except at authorized stops without the written permission of the parent or guardian on file at transportation.
14. Students shall not attempt to distract the driver while the driver is operating the bus.

For additional information, see the Transportation Student Handbook available on the Transportation webpage.

After School Transportation Disclaimer

Route times posted for buses returning students from school are approximate due to traffic and the number of students riding. Because of these conditions beyond our control, the Transportation Department is not responsible for the accuracy of these times.

Student drop-off times for after school late runs will vary from day to day depending on the number of students riding and the route distances required.

Will my child be eligible for bus service?

Not all USD 383 students are eligible for bus services. You must live more than 2.5 miles from the designated school of attendance. The only exceptions are for Hazard Areas as declared by the Board of Education. Those areas are listed here:

- Amanda Arnold – Wyndham Heights, Berkshire Circle, Hudson Circle, Whitetail Pass, Woodduck Way, Fairman
- Bluemont – Flint Hills, Blue Hills, Areas East of Tuttle Creek Blvd., Fairmont
- Lee – Jardine, Gardenway
- Marlatt – Area north of Marlatt Avenue
- Northview – Lincoln Drive
- Ogden – Random Woods
- Theodore Roosevelt – Stagg Hill
- Eisenhower – Flint Hills, Blue Hills
- Anthony – Top of the World, Eagle Ridge, Seth Child Rd North of Marlatt Ave., Tuttle Creek Blvd. North of Marlatt Ave., Rocky Ford
- MHS East – Hunter Island, Stagg Hill, Fairmont, Areas East of Tuttle Creek Blvd.
- MHS West – Hunter Island, Stagg Hill, Redbud Estates, Areas West of Seth Child Road

Why doesn't my child get picked up at our driveway?

With over 3000 students eligible for transportation, it is necessary for the District to establish neighborhood bus stops. The stop is established based on the location of students within an area of that neighborhood. While some students may be closer to the stop than others, it is based on a group of students that are eligible to ride. If no students get on the bus at a designated stop for two weeks, that stop will be removed. If your child starts riding again, it may be necessary to contact transportation to have that stop added back onto a route.

Can my child disembark the bus at a different location?

Students can only disembark at a different location if written permission from a parent or guardian has been granted from the Director of Transportation at least 24 hours in advance.
Email: andreaa@usd383.org

Will my child be picked up and dropped off when the roads are covered with snow and ice?

Yes, but some streets would not be traveled and are considered "Inclement Weather Stops". When IWS is in effect, the student would be required to be picked up and dropped off at an IWS designated alternate stop. Parents who do not wish for their child to be picked up or dropped off at the IWS alternate stop should make other transportation arrangements.

Inclement Weather Stops (IWS)

Inclement Weather Stops will be implemented when some streets are undriveable due to weather conditions. When IWS is in effect, the student will be required to be picked up and dropped off at an IWS designated alternate stop.

Who determines when and if "Inclement Weather Stops" or IWS are in effect?

The Director of Transportation will determine what impact the weather will have on our buses and our students and will make the appropriate decision.

How will we know when IWS is in effect?

An announcement will be made by our local radio stations: 96.3, 101.5, 104.7 and 1350AM. Transportation will also call your home before your scheduled pickup time to let you know IWS is in effect and where your alternate pickup stop is located.

How long will IWS be in effect?

IWS will be determined on a day by day basis. When IWS is in effect, you should plan on it being in effect the entire day.

Per Transportation policy, students should be at their stop 5 minutes prior to the designated stop time.

Please note that due to inclement weather, the bus may arrive later than the designated time.