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# **MPS HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION UPDATE FOR FY21 - STUDENTS GREATER THAN 7 MILES**

Students who reside over 7 miles from their current school of attendance, will begin to receive weekly M-cards for use on Milwaukee County Transit System.

If you were eligible for transportation services to your enrolled high school, you will now receive a MCTS bus pass paid for by the district.

Mcard distribution to schools will be facilitated the week prior to student attendance. Pupil Transportation Services will be available to assist with any questions your family may have. We can be reached at 414-475-8922.

MCTS also provides information on their website that detail the route paths and time for families using MCTS buses. The link to the MCTS Trip Planner is <https://www.ridemcts.com/trip-planner>

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## ELIGIBILITY FOR YELLOW BUS TRANSPORTATION

Eligibility for transportation services is governed by [MPS Board of School Directors Administrative Policy 4.04](#). Eligibility is dependent upon the school a student attends and the student's home address. The following criteria are used to determine transportation eligibility:

A student in grades K-5 must reside one or more miles from their assigned school, outside of the school's designated attendance area **and** within the school's transportation region.

Students in grades 6-12 must reside two or more miles from their assigned school, outside of the school's attendance area **and** within the school's transportation region.

MPS charter schools set their own transportation rules. Please contact your student's charter school directly for details. Transportation region sizes differ based on the school type and programs within that school.

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## **WALK ZONES AND BUS STOPS**

Most schools designate “walk zones,” which typically fall within one or two miles from the school site, depending on grades offered by the school. Students living inside a school’s walk zone cannot receive transportation.

Students in grades K3–5 are expected to walk up to 1/4 mile to a safe corner stop. Students in grades 6-12 are expected to walk up to 1/2 mile to a safe corner stop.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION/ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Transportation for students with special education needs is provided based upon the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). All district schools serve children with special needs; however, not all services are available at all schools. Parents are advised to work closely with their child's IEP team to determine which schools are best equipped to meet the needs of the child. Children with disabilities must follow the same rules for transportation as other children, unless the IEP identifies a specialized transportation (Door to Door) need or modification. Parents of children with limited mobility should discuss the accessibility needs of the child with the principal/building administrator of the school they wish the child to attend. Children with special needs are also eligible for the Chapter 220 Voluntary Student Transfer Program and for Public School Open Enrollment program.

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# HOMELESS STUDENTS



The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines the homeless as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.” This definition includes children and youth whose family has lost housing due to economic difficulties and is sharing the housing of others; who are living in motels, hotels, transitional or emergency shelters; or, whose nighttime residence is a place not normally used for housing. Unaccompanied youth and migratory children, who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above, have the same rights.



Homeless children have many rights and are eligible for many services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For example, homeless children and youth have the right to stay in the school they attended prior to becoming homeless (the school of origin); transportation from their temporary residence to the school may be provided; Call (414) 475-8911 for more information.



## ESSA TRANSPORTATION

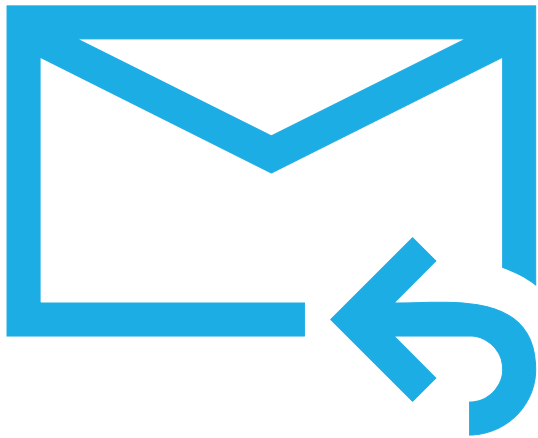
If you need transportation to your school of origin, the school must arrange for transportation as long as you are placed in out-of-home care.

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# MOVING

If you move outside of your elementary or middle school transportation region, your child may be provided transportation. If there is no existing bus stop, you must either provide transportation or change your child's school. You will be asked to select a new school for your child for the following year or to sign a contract that says you will provide transportation.



# APPEAL PROCESS

THE EMAIL ADDRESS TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL FOR A YELLOW  
BUS IS: [TRAN@MILWAUKEE.K12.WI.US](mailto:TRAN@MILWAUKEE.K12.WI.US)



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## LINKS



[MPS: TRANSPORTATION  
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[HOME PAGE - TRANSPORTATION  
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