



Very Important Information Regarding Student Transportation School Year 2016-2017

If you live in the town of South Kingstown:

You must fill out the South Kingstown School Department Request for transportation (on reverse side). Please note that requests must be mailed directly to the town and must be received prior to July 15th. South Kingstown will not transport on days that SK is not in session. This will include the first day of school August 30th and October 3rd.

If you live in Narragansett, North Kingstown, Westerly or Jamestown:

You don't have to do anything. They will accept a list from the school of the students name, address, grade and phone number. If you have a PO Box, please make sure we have your physical address on file.

If you live in Exeter–West Greenwich, or the district of Chariho:

Your town is participating in the Statewide Transportation System. Please note the following is information from the state:

Students from participating school districts who are eligible to use the statewide transportation system next year may request transportation through the statewide website at:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/AdditionalResources/StudentTransportation.aspx>

The website is now open to take transportation requests for the fall. We are asking parents to register for transportation directly through this website. If you have problems with the website or have difficulty on the website, please call or email the statewide office at 401-222-5024/transinfo@ride.ri.gov. Student lists and route information will be available to schools upon request.

Here are key dates and points of information:

- **The deadline for transportation requests is July 31, 2016.** Transportation request forms submitted after July 31st will receive the closest point of pick up or a depot stop location for a temporary bus stop. For registrations received after August 1st 2016, students will receive the closest point of pick up or a depot stop location for a temporary bus stop. For students who receive a temporary stop assignment they will receive permanent bus stop information after September 15, 2016.
- Bus route and stop time information will be mailed out mid August.
- Pre-Kindergarten students are not eligible for transportation.
- Parents who are new to the statewide system will receive a letter with information about the system shortly after their request is submitted.
- In order to keep ride times within reasonable limits, bus stops which are used infrequently, less than once a week will be deactivated and students will be assigned to the nearest active bus stop.
- The historic transportation regions established by law are still in place which means that transportation will only be provided within regional boundaries.

For questions and additional information please contact the statewide system manager's office.

Phone: 401-222-5024

E-Mail: transinfo@ride.ri.gov

Fax: 401-222-5025

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Jackie McCormick or Cassandra Barbato in the office.

Sincerely and God Bless,

Dr. John Finnegan
Principal