



August 2023

Hello parents and guardians:

Beginning Monday, August 28, 2023, Cypress Fairbanks I.S.D. bus transportation may be provided for eligible students attending their home campus as established by the district's 2023-2024 attendance boundaries.

Eligible students may receive transportation to one eligible pick-up address and one eligible take home address within their attendance boundary at the following eligible locations:

1. The student's primary residence.
2. A state recognized childcare provider (including state recognized in-home care providers).
3. A grandparent responsible for providing before and after school care for the student.

Except for high school boundary sibling transfers, transportation is not provided for transfer students to/from the student's primary residence. Transfer students may be transported to/from a state recognized childcare provider, parent, or grandparent responsible for providing before and after school care if there is a district-approved stop on a district-approved route serving the transfer campus. Questions about your transfer student's eligibility for transportation may be directed to Student Services/Admissions at StudentTransfers@cfisd.net.

When registering your student or updating your student's information, please be sure to select your student's mode of transportation. It is important to choose 'District Bus' if your student will be a bus rider. Parents of students already registered may update their student's mode of transportation on their student's Home Access Center (HAC) account, however you should contact the school if you are making a change from a non-bus rider to a bus rider.

If your student will ride a district bus, please contact your School Registrar by e-mail or telephone to provide your Registrar with an eligible alternate transportation address if it is different from home morning or afternoon.

Post cards will be mailed advising you to visit www.cfisd.net/Transportation on or after August 15, 2023. Select and review 'what bus do I ride' at which time you may register for the TRAVERSA RIDE 360 app, a mobile application that will allow guardians to find information for their specific student including their bus stop along with the ability to track their specific bus and view when their students scans on and off the bus.

If your student has an IEP that requires special transportation, we will also contact you with your student's bus schedule before the first day of school.

Your student's route number will be on the black signs on the sides and rear of the bus. Always refer to this number. Vehicles are subject to change so do not use the vehicle number on the bumper of the vehicle as the identifier for your student's route.

Here are safety precautions you will need to be aware of before your student rides the bus:

- For safety reasons, district bus service on a regular basis to and/or from different locations on different days is not allowed.
- Students are only allowed to ride their assigned bus to/from their designated bus stop. Any change in that assignment can only be made on an emergency basis if a request is submitted by the parent in writing and it is approved by school personnel or designee. Requests for transportation to after-school activities, such as sports and scouts, cannot be approved.
- Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are to be escorted from the school bus by a parent, guardian, or older sibling. If no one is available to escort the student, the student will be returned to his/her campus.
- Bus stops for riders meeting safety and efficiency standards are established by Transportation professionals for each grade level. Stops are located at corners for elementary students and may be at common centralized locations such as parks or community centers for middle and high school students.
- To assist secondary student families, Middle and High School Activity Late Run bus service is offered to eligible students for eligible after school activities. These stops are not like regular bus stops but are established at central locations to deliver students closer to home than the campus. Signing up with transportation to ride the activity late run bus is not required, however notifying your campus your student will ride the late bus is suggested in the event space is limited.
- Buses are scheduled to arrive at campuses as early as 20 minutes prior to school bell time. It is recommended students begin riding the bus the first day of school so that student bus assignments, student ridership, and seating assignments may be identified and solidified as quickly as possible. For safety reasons, students and parents should arrive at the bus stop 5-10 minutes prior to their scheduled pick-up time but not sooner. Students who are waiting at bus stops shall not loiter, trespass, litter, or create nuisance conditions for residents of the community.
- To promote a safe and pleasant ride for students, video cameras may be utilized. All students are expected to adhere to the Bus Safety Rules when being transported by buses or vehicles owned, operated, or controlled by the district.
- Please advise your student he/she must properly wear seatbelts while being transported in any seat belt equipped vehicle that is owned, leased, or utilized by the district.
- All CFISD students will receive an identification card. ID's will be required each time the student enters and exits their assigned bus. It is the student's responsibility to have their ID card in their possession and report any malfunction to their campus staff as soon as possible. By accessing the TRAVERSA RIDE 360 app, parents may know instantly where and when your child enters and exits the bus as well as the bus location.
- While visiting www.cfid.net/Transportation, please review the Transportation Safety Guidelines. We ask that you reinforce these communicated safety standards with your student/s to make your student's ride to/from school is safe and expeditious.

Parents, guardians, and persons acting in loco parentis will:

1. Be responsible and accountable for the conduct and safety of their children at all times prior to the arrival and after the departure of the school bus at the assigned school bus stop.
2. understand and support district guidelines, policies, regulations, and principles of school bus safety.
3. assist students in understanding safety rules and encourage them to abide by them.
4. be cognizant of their own responsibilities for the actions of their children.

Understanding this, parents or guardians shall be always responsible and accountable for the conduct and safety of their children prior to the arrival and after the departure of the school bus at the assigned school bus stop. Transportation safety and service may be jeopardized by student non-compliance.

- For the first few weeks of school a range of factors may contribute to delays (traffic adjusting to the buses, student seat assignments, potential overcrowding, route direction adjustments, and delays at our campuses to ensure every student is loaded onto the correct bus for their take home route.) Realizing this can be frustrating when your students arrive home later than expected, please understand this is a 'transition time' for students, district staff, and patrons, therefore we appreciate each parent's patience in advance.
- You may contact us at

www.cfishd.net – Parents & Students – Department – Transportation / Let's Talk

or you may call us at 713-**MYCFBUS (713-692-3287)**

A team effort is required by transportation and campus personnel as well as parents and students to ensure that each child travels to and from school safely each day.

We are looking forward to partnering with you to make your student's transportation to/from school a safe, secure, and friendly experience.

Best Regards,

Cypress Fairbanks I.S.D. Transportation Staff