

Kinder Bus Day

The main objective of KINDER-BUS DAY is to allow kindergarten students to experience the routine of riding the bus to and from school. The secondary goal is to teach parents and their kindergarteners about bus safety and bus rules. KINDER-BUS DAY is a separate event from Kindergarten Orientation and Back-to-School activities.

The day will be made up of loading onto the bus at their AM stop location; loading 1st and 2nd buses at the school; and being dropped off at their PM stop location. The AM pick-up times on Kinder-Bus Day will be the same as for actual school days. Getting home from Kinder-Bus Day will be within two hours of the AM pick-up since the only thing they'll be doing at the school is to practice lining up for loading onto the correct buses to go home.

Parents will find their bus stop and stop time on the LCSD2 website: transportation.lcsd2.org to see where they'll meet the bus on Kinder Bus Day. You may call the transportation office at 307-885-7146 if assistance is needed.

KINDER-BUS DAY will be conducted like a dress rehearsal. Plan to be waiting at the bus stop 5 minutes before the designated time. The bus will travel the route exactly as it will on a real day of school picking up parents and students who are out waiting. Parents who do not wish to participate do not need to do anything. Thus, participation does not require signing up or contacting anyone.

Upon arrival at the first school, bus transfers will be executed so that transferring students can see what that's like. For example, some bus routes arrive at Thayne Elementary first after picking up their students. Students who need to go to Etna Elementary will transfer to those assigned buses. Exiting the bus will be done by conducting a mock emergency evacuation. This will be followed by parents and students going into the school where teachers will coordinate grouping students by those who ride the first wave of buses, then the second wave of buses.

The 1st-bus group will be brought out to load onto their buses which will be lined up in the same order that is used on real school days. These buses will depart, then the 2nd-bus group will be brought out to line up, and be ready to load when their buses show up.

FAQs

1. Who needs to accompany the kindergarten (KG) student?

At least one adult must accompany the student on KINDER-BUS DAY.

2. Can siblings ride along?

Yes, if they are school aged. Siblings younger than school age may not ride along.

3. How long will it take?

Plan for the entire process to take two hours from your AM pick-up time to being dropped off after leaving the school.

4. Can I use a different location than my home address? (Example- because my student will be going to daycare, or we have split custody, etc.)

Yes, please call to verify AM pick-up and PM drop-off locations.

5. Can I drive my student to the school to meet the teacher and see the classroom?

Kinder Bus Day is completely dedicated to riding the school bus. For meeting the teacher and seeing the class, please call the school to learn about Kindergarten Orientation or Back-to-school activities.

5. I can't find my stop on the website.

Bus stops are established according to board procedure [EEAB-R](#). This involves situations such as speed limit and road-crossing limitations. Designated stops may have been amended from last year's. Or, if you have not used school transportation in this district, we may not have your address assigned to a route. Please call the transportation office at 307-885-7146 and let the dispatcher know that you are unable to find your stop.

7. If we miss the bus can we meet it at a different stop?

It is unsafe to try and "catch" a bus that has left your stop. Never stop behind a bus at a different stop and let your child run up along the side of the bus. If you know you can safely make it to another bus stop without interfering with normal flow of traffic, do so in a way that your student can join other students who are awaiting arrival of the bus.