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Bus Transportation Zoning Information FAQ's

Will my student be eligible for bus transportation?

Students living over 2 miles from a McKeel school are eligible for transportation. Your child must be registered for transportation prior to being eligible for pick up and drop off services. Students who do not ride the bus for a period of two weeks will be removed as a registered bus rider and need to re-register for busing services.

If I reside within the bus transportation zone, will there be available transportation for my child?

Bus stops will be centrally located for all eligible riders in your area at the safest location. Please expect an approximate one-half mile but no greater than 1.5-mile travel distance in most cases from home to a bus stop. Every attempt is made to accommodate addresses within the zone, however there will always exist micro-areas we are unable to service due to time and resource limitations that exceed the 1.5-mile travel distance.

What if my child lives outside of the bus transportation zone?

Students who have a home address that resides outside of our bus transportation zones are allowed to utilize an existing stop on a bus within their school bus transportation zone. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from their address to the assigned bus stop.

What is the “transfer” bus?

The “transfer” bus is unique to existing students of South McKeel and McKeel Central. Prior to the 2026-2027 school year (SY), transportation for students who lived within our bus zones was provided, regardless of which zone they lived in. For example, students who attended South McKeel but lived in the bus transportation zone for McKeel Central were able to ride a MAC bus, and “transfer” on a separate bus to get to SMA. Beginning with the 2026-2027 SY, this option is no longer available for new students (with limited exceptions). Please consider your transportation needs when enrolling, as “transfer” bus option is longer available for new students.

What if my child currently rides the “transfer” bus?

The transfer bus option will be phased out in May 2032. This means that students who are currently enrolled as of the 25/26 SY and utilizing the transfer bus will be able to maintain their riding privileges through elementary school.

What if an existing “transfer” bus rider has siblings new to McKeel?

There will be an opportunity to register for “transfer” bus services for newly enrolled siblings in the 26/27 school year. This exception applies only to new siblings in the 26/27 SY. Any siblings who enroll beyond the 26/27 SY will only be able to utilize transportation services within their bus zone. Parents of siblings enrolling for the transfer bus in the 26/27 SY should note that the phase out date of May 2032 means that their student will need alternative transportation if they are still in elementary school after that date.

What if a child’s address changes to outside the school bus zone?

To provide ample time for pending relocations, students currently utilizing bus services will be allowed to register for the “transfer” bus during the 26/27 SY in the event of an address change. Any address changes that require registration for transfer bus services beyond the 26/27 SY will not be accommodated.

What are the bus transportation zones?

Static images are pasted on the following pages, and links to digital versions of the map are below.

McKeel Academy Central Zoning Map

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1SPpMOGe2-_mcfQ_d3KAvkyyepHOQWdA&usp=sharing

McKeel Academy Mulberry Zoning Map

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1dVofijk8QZsMAbKalY2zqVqXHEfJc3M&usp=sharing>

South McKeel Academy Zoning Map

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