

TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 5th is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day! Thank you to all of our bus drivers for your dedication to student safety.



2025-2026 Transportation Fee Increase

We would like to inform you that starting the 2025-2026 school year, school bus fees will increase. This adjustment is necessary to cover rising operational costs and ensure the continued safety and quality of

our transportation services. A new rate structure will be posted on our website soon. We understand that this may impact your budget, we are here to assist with questions or concerns you may have. You can submit a ticket to our <u>Transportation Ticketing System</u>.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We are committed to providing safe and reliable transportation for your students.

Out of Area Transportation

Due to the ongoing bus driver and bus equipment shortages, we will be prioritizing families who are eligible for busing over those applying for busing who prefer to send their students to a school outside of their designated catchment area. As the communities in RVS continue to grow and infrastructure develops, students living within walking distance to their school or attending a school of choice (rather than their designated school) may not qualify for busing. We will prioritize assigning students who are eligible for bus service at their catchment area at the end of October, provided there is space available on the existing routes.

2025-2026 Transportation Re-Enrolment Forms

Re-enrolment forms for next year will be automatically assigned to families that are currently assigned to service. If you have a child that did not access service this school year, you will be required to complete a new registration form.

Re-enrolment forms for the 2025-2026 school year will be available sometime in May. Emails will go out to all busing families when the forms become available in your SchoolEngage portal. New registration forms will be available once all of the re-enrolment forms are assigned.

Please visit our <u>website</u> for instructions on how to complete the re-enrolment and registration forms.

Registration Deadline

Enrollments and registrations received with payment before August 1st, 225, will be guaranteed bus service for the start of the school. Any forms received after this deadline may experience a service delay of 2-3 weeks from the start of school.

Please visit the <u>Transportation Registration and Fee Payment</u> section of our website for more information.

Need Assistance?

Please visit our website for step-by-step instructions on how to complete the Enrollment/Registration Forms or submit a ticket to our <u>Transportation Ticketing System</u>.

Clarification on Prohibited Items on the School Bus

School bus contractors will try to accommodate students with the transportation of articles and equipment for extra-curricular activities. However, some items cannot be transported due to safety and/or available space. All permissible items must be tightly secured and/or safely contained within the bus seat. Additionally, they must not impede the aisle, emergency exits or the drive's line of sight (i.e. block the window). The bus driver reserves the right to refuse any item they may deem unsafe to transport.

Bikes and scooters are not allowed on the bus. Skateboards are only permitted if they are properly secured or enclosed in a canvas bag or in/on a backpack. Some backpacks are made to properly secure skateboards - RVS considers this to be a permissible item. These items must be safely stored underneath the seat or in the student's lap.

If you are unsure if an item will be permitted, please submit a ticket to <u>Transportation Ticketing System</u> for assistance.

Upcoming School Closures

Rocky View Schools: Good Friday (No Classes): April 18 Classes Resume: April 28 Professional Learning Day (No Classes): May 16 Catholic Schools:

Good Friday (No Classes): April 18

Classes Resume: April 28

Professional Growth Day K-12 (No Classes): May 16

For more information please visit our website

Rocky View Schools Transportation Department