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RE: Register for transportation before Aug. 1 to guarantee service on the first day of school

The deadline to register for school bus transportation to guarantee service on the first day of school is approaching. Families must register for transportation by Aug. 1 to guarantee busing on the first day of school. A step-by-step guide to registration, fee information and more is available on the [RVS website](#).

“We strive to ensure a smooth first day of school for our riders, their families and our drivers,” said Senior Manager of Transportation, Morley Kostecky. “Registering punctually for transportation ensures all riders are assigned a bus route and bus stop in time for the beginning of the school year.”

Due to the complex route planning that is necessary to ensure a smooth start for our 13,000+ riders, registration received after the Aug. 1 deadline will not be processed in time to access busing on the first day of school. This may result in families experiencing delays of two to three weeks before their children can ride the bus.

Student bus services are provided to eligible students in Kindergarten – Grade 6 who live 1.5 kilometers or more from the school they attend, or to Grade 7–12 students who live two or more kilometers from the school they attend. More information is available on the [Bus Services and Eligibility page](#) of the RVS website.

Fees for resident students in 2025/26 will be \$395 and \$197.50 for Kindergarten students who are transported once per day. Students needing to access a second stop will have an additional fee of \$395 for the seat they will occupy on the additional route. A list of fees is available on the [RVS website](#). Eligible families may also apply to have their transportation fees waived by completing a Transportation Fee Waiver.

To help new riders, RVS is pleased to once again host My First Ride from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 27 and 28 at the RVS Education Centre (2651 Chinook Winds Drive SW, Airdrie). My First Ride is not a drop-in event and the program begins at 6 p.m. It is identical each night, and families are welcome to attend on the date that works best for them.

“My First Ride is an exciting event we hold for new bus riders and their families every summer in partnership with our bus contractors” said Kostecky. “Families are welcome to attend this free event where they will learn about safely riding the school bus. Our staff and contractors will be on hand to answer questions and ensure students are ready to ride the school bus this year.”

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