

6/8/2023

This communication clarifies information on a recent process change pertaining to transportation services. Regarding this upcoming school year (23-24), we still have the same number of buses and no routes have been eliminated. However, what is different is the process to register for transportation services.

In Infinite Campus (the student information system), there is now a section to request transportation annually. By submitting a request every year, CUSD (Chandler Unified School District) will have a better headcount and understanding of how many students will be riding the bus year to year. In fact, the data gathered from annual transportation registration may help us improve routes. Here is how it works:

- Login to parent portal
- Click on "More"
- Click on "Transportation Request"
- Read the information and click to proceed to application
- If a student(s) shows as 'ineligible', parents will have the opportunity to click on an 'Exception Request' button.
- Instructions for this process can be found here:
<https://www.cusd80.com/TransportationRequest>

For questions and/or help with the process, please send an email to routing@cusd80.com or call 480-424-8600. This process is only to register that you need transportation. It will still take a few weeks to assign and confirm your child's route. Route information will also be in the parent portal when available.

If your student(s) is attending their home school (school they are boundaried for) and the legal address on file is one mile or more from their elementary school / junior high school or 1.5 miles or more from their high school, you will be eligible for transportation services. This requirement has always been in place; however, the junior high requirement was reduced from 1.5 miles to 1 mile. Reminder, if you open enroll your students at their schools, you are required to provide your own transportation. There are some schools excluded from the new transportation registration process because they have walking boundaries or are primarily open enrollment schools.

You will be asked to register for transportation annually. Again, this process's purpose is to better understand who will be riding CUSD buses so that we can make improvements and adjustments where needed.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a CUSD bus driver, we encourage you to attend our *Drive a Bus Day* on **Saturday, June 17 from 7-11 a.m.** at the CUSD Transportation Yard (3750 S Centre Pointe Parkway, Chandler 85249). There will be hands-on activities, opportunities to drive a bus, and on-site interviews. CUSD bus drivers receive paid training and benefits. Register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945ada72babff2-come#/>

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter. By working together, we can continue to grow and improve our systems and processes while also safety at the center of all that we do.

Sincerely,

Chandler Unified Transportation Department