

THE CRANKSHAFT GAZETTE

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Welcome to your new kindergarten student!

Kindergarten can be a new experience for a 5 or 6 year old. We hope this information will help answer some of your questions before the first day of school.

Will my student have a bus ride to/from school?

Transportation is available to students who live more than one mile from school.

Students living outside one mile will receive bus schedule information in August via US Mail.



How do I contact Transportation?

You can contact us at (425) 204-4455 from 6:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you're interested in seeing the inside of a bus, please call Transportation for a date and time.

The safety of Children is #1 with RSD Transportation

If my child does ride a bus, what are some things I need to know?

We ask your child be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled bus pick-up time We ask they wait 6-10 feet back from the road.

If they cross the street, wait on the side of the road (6-10 feet back) and wait for the driver to signal your student across.

We ask you put first and last names and phone numbers on or in their backpacks. This assists us in contacting you if needed.

We do not require parents to be present to drop kindergartners off.

However, we ask for the first two weeks of school, if possible, to meet your child at the bus stop. This helps them adjust to the bus and makes the new experience a positive one.

During the first few weeks of school, you should plan on buses running off schedule due to time adjustments, traffic, and student loads.

What other information might I need?

Schools have information regarding which daycares are within their attendance area. They can tell you as well if transportation is available to/from a certain daycare.

Your bus driver can not change or add stops.

All changes or additional stops require research by the RSD Transportation Department.

Students are assigned to one bus stop. Students need written permission to get off at a bus stop other than their assigned location.

What if I want to ride the bus to school with my child?

Contact your school for an application to ride a school bus. You must complete a background check, then you will receive an ID card, which allows you to ride. Due to liability concerns, non-school age children may not ride.