

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: My child's bus stop has been moved from the location where it has been for several years. What can I do?**
- A:** Howell Township Public Schools establishes bus stops for each student within .5 miles from their home.
- Q: I have been told that the school bus cannot come down my road. Why?**
- A:** Buses are not permitted to back down narrow streets or drive anywhere they are unable to turn around.
- Q: How long are students allowed to ride the school bus each way in New Jersey?**
- A:** There is no state law regarding the length of a bus ride. New Jersey has a wide range of geography across the state and the diversity of rural and urban areas result in a very wide range of bus ride items.
- Q: I cannot see my child's bus stop from my house. How can I get the stop moved closer?**
- A:** Bus stops are placed at centralized locations that can be safely accessed by a Significant number of students to minimize the length of time and mileage of the run. If you have concerns about your child's safety, you are encouraged to accompany your child to the bus stop or make arrangements to have your child escorted to the bus stop.
- Q: Can a student have more than one pick-up or drop-off address?**
- A:** No, District Policy is to transport from the primary address on the student's record. See Policy # 8600 on the Howell Township School Website. An alternate bus stop, (babysitter or daycare), may be requested on a permanent basis. (Example: Parent may request one location for **consistent (5 days)** pick up and one location for **consistent (5 days)** drop off.
- Q: Will the bus leave the stop without my child if he/she is not waiting at the bus stop?**
- A:** Yes, the student must be waiting at his/her stop at least 10 minutes' prior to the designated time, regardless of weather conditions.



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Q: What should be done if there is a transportation related problem after hours?

A: The main transportation office is available from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the school year.

Q: Can my student ride on a friend's bus?

A: No, students must take their own bus to and from school.

Q: Lost/Left Items?

A: Any items lost or left on the bus may be obtained from the driver the next day. Typically, items are not returned to the Transportation Office.

Q: I observed a bus traveling in an unsafe manner. Who do I contact?

A: You should call our Transportation Office at (732) 202-1740, or the contracting company immediately. Please take note of the bus #, exact location and the nature of the problem. A link to our Contractor's telephone numbers will be available on our website.