



## Transportation Newsletter – Fall 2024

The **Waterford School District Transportation Department** would like to welcome back students, parents and staff for the 2024/25 school year.

### **Bus Stop Information**

Bus stop assignments for those who are eligible for transportation services can go to their **MiStar accounts** to review their child's bus stop information in the **Transportation Info** section. Route information will be available at all buildings and a **Transportation Phone Bank** will be available the week of **Aug. 19 – 23, 2024** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** to answer any transportation questions. Phone numbers will be (248) 673-0432, (248) 673-9116, and (248) 673-0367. **Post Cards will be mailed with bus stop assignments and how to access this information on MiStar.**

### **Transportation Opt-Out Program**

New this school year, we are offering a school bus transportation “opt-out” program. This opt-out is entirely voluntary and we hope to optimize routes, identify stops and allow for more consistent and efficient services by better identifying actual riders. Forms can be found on our Transportation web page at <https://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/parents/district/transportation/>.

### **Bus Stop Guidelines**

- **REMINDER**, after three (3) Days No Call / No Show for any bus stop, the stop will be removed from the route. Bus stops will not be added back until we are contacted by a parent.
- **DO NOT delay the driver at the bus stop.** In addition, it is illegal for any unauthorized individuals to enter the school bus. This is for the safety of all passengers on the bus. Please contact our office (248) 674-2692 for any questions/concerns.

### **Bus Passes**

Bus Passes will not be allowed for the 2024/25 school year until further notice. In addition, please be aware it may necessary to assign riders to a seat on their assigned route to assist with monitoring and supervision.

### **Bus Rules for Students**

As we begin a new school year, we remind all students and parents to be aware of safety procedures around school buses. Safety tips and Bus Rules for Students are included on our web page <https://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/parents/district/transportation/> that will help refresh your child's knowledge of bus safety rules. In addition, you can review our School Bus Safety Video with your child(ren) which includes safe riding tips and an overview of bus rules and proper conduct.

**You can also look for the student bus rules in the Student Code of Conduct booklets** distributed by the buildings or on the district website at [www.waterford.k12.mi.us](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us). Please review these rules with your child to ensure everyone's safety while riding the bus.

### **Bus Delay Information Available**

Parents, students, and staff have available the latest information about Waterford School District transportation delays via **Blackboard Connect**. Messages will be sent when a bus is delayed 20 minutes or more due to traffic, inclement weather or mechanical difficulties. The message will contain the bus number, route number, and building name. Please ensure your Blackboard contact information is correct to receive text and/or email notices.

**Parents should have a transportation contingency plan in place so students know what to do in the event of delays.**

### **Emergency School Closings**

In the event of inclement weather, school closings will be announced on the following: **Blackboard Connect**, TV Channels: 2, 4, 7 and 22; Radio Stations: WJR 760 AM, WWJ 950 AM, Channel Q95.5 FM as well as the district's web site at [www.waterford.k12.mi.us](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us).

### **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS & AIDES NEEDED!**

**No Experience – CDL Paid Training Provided-Flexible Schedules-School Break Periods & Summers Off  
Up to \$21.10/hr. Regular Bus Driver (\$18.00 Sub Driver)  
Bus Aides \$13.00/hr.**

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For more information, call (248) 674-2692**

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