



OPT-IN FOR TRANSPORTATION

A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO GATHER DATA



Making sure our students get access to safe and reliable transportation is a priority for Transportation Services. Getting accurate data on how many students utilize their eligibility to ride the bus will help us plan routes more efficiently, helping reduce delays and improve service. You're receiving this flier because your student attends a school in our "Transportation Opt-In Program." This program is designed to gather data from families on which students will use, or not use, their transportation eligibility.

Why your participation is so important

Helpful behind-the-scenes facts

- **Did you know?**

Throughout DPS, about 40,500 students are eligible for transportation. With the data we've been able to collect, only about 8,750 students are utilizing their eligibility. This means our Routing Department is spending time routing students who don't plan to use our services.

- **So what does that mean?**

Transportation Services plans for students who are eligible for services, however we know not every student will ride. Knowing who is utilizing their eligibility to ride the bus will help our Routing Department plan for students who are truly utilizing the service. An accurate count of eligible students would save time and improve efficiency.

- **This is where you come in**

Families are being asked to let Transportation Services know if they would like to utilize their transportation by "Opting In" through the Transportation Opt-In Program. Students are automatically opted-out, so if your student would like to utilize their transportation eligibility, families must log in to the Parent Portal to opt their students in.

- **What families need to do NOW**

- Log into the Parent Portal
- Navigate to the Transportation page, where you'll find the Opt-In Program form
- Remember, the default for all students is set to "Opt-Out." If you'd like your student to utilize their transportation eligibility, please switch the toggle to "Opt-In." Remember to click the "submit" button to save your request.
- Please do this by May 29, 2020
- If you have questions, send an email to: transportation@dpsk12.org. For more information, visit our website at transportation.dpsk12.org.

- **Please note: The Transportation Opt-In Program does not change a student's eligibility**

If your student is already eligible for transportation, their eligibility does not change. Additionally, if your student is not eligible for transportation, this does not make your student eligible. The Transportation Opt-In Program simply provides Transportation Services with accurate data on which eligible students will ride and not ride to improve efficiency and services.

