

# Many Changes to Bus Numbers and Routes

Contact the Transportation Department after July 12 for new information.



*Driver Lou Ann Schmitz prepares for her afternoon route.*

Greetings all current SDWD families and students!

The 2021-2022 school year is fast approaching, and many changes have occurred in the Transportation Department.

During last school year, we were three, and up to four, drivers short to complete AM and PM routes. With doubling some routes and use of part-time drivers, plus our mechanic and myself, we made it work.

June 4<sup>th</sup> we had all routes optimized to help with the driver shortage issue. This means most routes were combined the best they could be.

We had 17 regular AM routes when this process started. With the optimization complete, we now have 13 routes. It took over two weeks to go over each individual route and individual students to make sure they were all placed on the appropriate bus for transportation to and from school.

During that two-week process, I had to add two routes to make the timing of buses work better. That means 15 routes instead of 17 routes.

**Almost all routes and students may have different bus numbers and pick-up times this coming year.**

This is why it will be very important to contact me starting any time after July 12 to get bus number and pick-up time information.

**I prefer using email if possible:** [fsteinhorst@sdwd.k12.wi.us](mailto:fsteinhorst@sdwd.k12.wi.us) This is to ensure I do not misinterpret any information to verify bus numbers and pick-up times. **Please send an email anytime.**

If email is not an option, feel free to call me at 608-254-8783, Monday through Thursday between 6:00 AM and 12:00 PM. If there is no answer, please leave a message and I will call back as soon as possible.

Please provide the following information when calling or emailing:

- First and last names of anyone who will be riding the bus
- Updated phone numbers
- Updated address for pick-up and drop-off
- Updated contact information (parents or guardians)

I have several students listed to ride the bus that have been listed as inactive riders, perhaps due to the pandemic and students participating in school from home. Please let me know if they will ride this year or not. There are also students listed to ride the bus that never rode. In an effort to clean up our rosters, please advise whether they will need a bus during this upcoming school year.

Some reasons for students no longer riding the bus but are still listed to ride:

- Got a license and driving themselves
- Parent transporting
- Moved, now walking to school(s)

**ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE CONTACT ME EITHER WAY TO  
MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT(S) HAVE THE PROPER INFO  
ON BUS NUMBERS AND PICK-UP TIMES.**

Thanks!

*Fred S. Steinhorst*

Transportation Director