

Waitin' on the Bus...

How Does My Child Get Transported to School?

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Getting kids to school is one of the many immediate challenges faced by foster parents when they receive a new placement. It can be hard enough just figuring out the when and where; now what about the how? Many parents rely on the school bus system, but it's not as simple as dropping kids off at a certain corner by a certain time and problem solved.

If/when you enroll your child in school, information regarding transportation should be provided to you. Your child's ability to take transportation and get transportation services are derived from the information obtained from your child's records, especially from the enrollment forms.

Parents can also check eligibility for their students, get bus stop information and learn more about transportation by visiting Transportation.ccsd.net or calling 702-799-8100.

Typical school buses are available to zoned schools for children who live two miles or more from their zoned school at designated stops. If your child needs transportation to school—even if he/she lives fewer than two miles from school, needs door-to-door transportation services, or cannot ride a typical school bus for safety, medical or any other concern—please contact CCSD's Transportation Department at 702-799-8100 directly during regular business hours.

If it is decided that my child needs to attend the school he/she attended before being placed in my home, will transportation be provided?

Children in the foster care system are entitled to stay at their current schools despite a move or may enroll in the school where their new home is zoned.

If a choice is made to keep your child in his/her current school and the school is outside of the attendance zone for your home, reasonable transportation will be provided for your child within 5 – 10 school days. You will be contacted with the transportation plan. If you are unable to assist with transportation while the transportation plan is being set up or you have any other transportation concerns regarding the child's commute to school, please contact your child's caseworker.

If you have any issues with the transportation for your child, please contact your DFS caseworker, CCSD's Foster Care Coordinator at 702-799-7435, or CCSD's Transportation Department at 702-799-8100.



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