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Some useful information from the Transportation Department.

We hope you are enjoying your summer vacation, but as the days fly by we will soon be starting a new school year. We are finishing up the routing and routes are posted currently on the Districts Website.

First – The district has changed their walk policy, the changes are:

Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Elementary pupils attending grades kindergarten through six (K-6) who reside within the corporate limits of the City of Rome and live more than one (1) mile from the school of attendance are eligible for transportation to schools within the school district. *State Mandate is up to 2.0 Miles*
- B. Middle School/High School pupils attending grades seven through twelve (7-12) who reside within the corporate limits of the City of Rome and live more than 1.25 mile from the school they attend are eligible for transportation to schools within the school district. *State Mandate is up to 3.0 Miles*

Please check on your kid's bus schedule before the year begins to be sure that your child is either in the new walk zone or will be bused.

Per the New York State Education Department's website:

Parents are responsible for assisting children to get to the stop and home from the stop. The district is not required to provide a protected corridor from students' homes to the bus stop any more than it is to provide that service for students who do not ride buses and must travel from home to school.

If you have moved – Please contact our Registrar's office with your new address, as the new Transportation cannot be set up until that office has all the required paperwork finalized. That office number is 315-338-6569. The Transportation Department cannot make these changes.

Bus Notes - We can't accept bus notes for the start of this school year, and until further notice. The reason being is because of the limited drivers and the buses are at capacity starting out. We will monitor the bus loads and let the buildings and parents know if and when we will accept bus notes. For now, parents will be responsible for their child if they have any change in transportation off of their already scheduled route. If a dire emergency, please contact us at the transportation office.

If a student has a childcare /daycare or family care situation they should fill out the Daycare Request Form. – Different pick up or drop off on different days could result in different buses – and may not be approved. School staff would be responsible for putting the student on the correct bus on different days, which can result in the student being put on the wrong bus on the wrong day going to the wrong location.

Transportation will only be allowed within the home school enrollment area or to a Licensed Daycare Provider.

Stopfinder App – Please note that the invites will be coming out shortly, look for the invite in your email, this invite will help you set up the app so that you can see your child's bus schedule. If you do not receive the invite by September 5, 2023, it may be because you either don't have an email registered with us, or your email is void. To update your email address, please contact the registrar's office, number listed above.

Useful Forms:

[Daycare Request Form](#)

[Cancel Bus Service](#)