

OLYMPIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #16

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We are excited to welcome another group of students starting school with us in the Olympia School District! Summer will be here before you know it and we hope that you and your child are excited about the upcoming school year.

As we make preparations for the 2024-2025 school year, I wanted to let all of you know that bus routes are worked on over the course of the summer and will be finalized the week before school begins. If you live in the country, you can expect your child's bus driver to be in contact with you during the week of August 5th, 2024 to discuss pick up and drop off times. We ask that all students are prepared to be picked up five minutes before the times that are given.

In order for the Transportation Department to have accurate information for where your child will be picked up and dropped off, we are asking that all Kindergarten parents go to the Transportation Page on the Olympia website: <u>Olympia</u> <u>Transportation</u> and click on the Bus Rider Information Form. The form is also linked here: <u>Bus Rider Information</u>. Please note; if you live in the towns of Atlanta, Danvers, or Minier, you do not need to complete this form because your child does not qualify for bus service and you are responsible for transporting them to school.

If you live in any of our communities outside of the elementary schools, bus stops and bus times are posted on the Olympia website during the week of August 5th, 2024. In order to access the bus times, go to <u>www.olympia.org</u>, click on **Parents**, and then click on **Transportation**. The bus stops are on the left-hand side of the page under the document titled "Bus Stop Information".

During the school year, if your child does not need bus service in the morning, please call the Transportation office at 309-379-6011 ext 1111 and state your child's name, the date they do not need bus service, and the bus driver that picks up your child. All messages are retrieved by 6:00 a.m. and relayed out to drivers when they start their routes.

Again, welcome to Olympia! We are excited to have you join our great school district.

Respectfully yours, Robin Talley Olympia Transportation Department Manager