

Buses are ready to roll and bus routes are complete

Please check your PowerSchool Parent Portal for the latest updated bus number for your child as bus numbers and routes may have changed from last year. For those who registered late for buses we are working as quickly as possible to get your child safely assigned to a bus.

The LCSD Safety and Transportation Office is committed to transporting our students in a safe and efficient manner. The first week of school is always tough in so many ways. It's important for parents to know our process and to remember we will continue to work to make things better. We have hired six new bus drivers to fill vacant positions and have added two new positions to the Indian Land area so far. We currently have several prospective drivers going through the training process. We are working diligently to recruit and hire more drivers into vacancies.

With the hiring of additional bus drivers this has greatly impacted our bus routes for this upcoming school year. We have decreased the number of double routes for the elementary schools in the Indian Land area from 13 for the 2024-25 school year to 5 double routes for the 2025-26 school year. Our route times have reduced for students on the second route to 2:15pm (3 routes) and 2:35pm (1 route). We have also decreased the Indian Land Intermediate/Indian Land Middle double routes from 14 in the 2024-25 school year to 4 double routes for the 2025-26 school year. Our times have reduced for students to be picked up for the second route to 4:05pm (2 routes) and 4:20pm (2 routes). We will continue to work aggressively to hire more drivers to eliminate second routes. Our goal is to eliminate all double routes.

For the latest bus route information click on the link below to view your child's bus route. Bus routes may vary 15 minutes before or after the scheduled route time. Please have your child at the assigned bus stop early and expect delays coming home from school for the first few weeks while we make any necessary adjustments. **Please note:** These times are estimated, and routes are subject to change based on service needs of our students. This is a general route description of streets covered (every road may not be listed).

[Click here for LCSD Bus Routes](#)

We have been in contact with several state agencies for our transportation needs. The SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is working to make sure the traffic signals work with our drop-off and pick-up times. We have also reached out to our local law enforcement agencies to help with school traffic before and after school to help move vehicles safely on and off our campuses. We have been in contact with the SC State Department of Education Transportation Office for the request for additional buses for our district. These requests require documented evidence of need and verification. The system does not allow you to preplan predicted needs. Additional buses must be requested as the needs arise. We will continue to work together with local law enforcement and SCDOT on traffic congestion around our facilities. We will also post any construction that may delay bus routes and interfere with traffic with

drop-off and pick-up. We are constantly working to make things better, but transportation is a challenge at any level. We will keep you updated during this process.

We know that transportation changes can be frustrating for our parents and students, and we understand the impact this has on your daily routines and your peace of mind. Please understand that some delays and changes may be unavoidable circumstances due to increasing number of student riders, driver absences due to illnesses or family emergencies, slow moving traffic and inclement weather just to name a few. We are committed to minimizing the effects this has on our bus routes.

For daily bus changes for morning and afternoon click on the links below (the same information is posted on both). We will begin posting bus changes after Labor Day. Bus changes are also shared with all our schools.

[LCSD Safety & Transportation webpage](#) or

[LCSD Safety & Transportation Facebook page](#) (you do not need a Facebook account to view)

For any questions or concerns regarding your child's bus routes and bus stops, please contact your area transportation office.

AJ bus office - 803-283-0595

Buford bus office - 803-286-6021

IL bus office - 803-283-0606

Lancaster bus office - 803-285-1000

Safety & Transportation - 803-285-6009

Thank you for your patience and allowing us the opportunity to serve your children.

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Safety and Transportation Director