

## Transportation Changes

There are several modifications in the transportation program, which will be implemented with the start of the 2010-2011 school year. The following guidelines are necessary as we prioritize and place student safety first:

### South, West Central:

Only students who have registered and paid transportation fees are allowed to ride the school buses to and from school.

Students who are not registered and paid bus riders will no longer be able to ride the school bus.

### South:

If there is a change in the mode of transportation for a child (ex., bus rider being picked up by car, bus rider with a play date being picked up by car, car rider being picked up by different individual, etc.) parents must notify the South School Office staff by 10:00 a.m. For PM kindergarten students please notify the office staff by 1:00 p.m.

A family wanting flexibility and options throughout the school year for their child to walk, be driven, or ride the bus home with another child will need to register and pay for full year bus service. A child who has registered and paid for transportation may ride a bus that is different than the one assigned, assuming the parents have completed the necessary transportation form.

These revisions were put into place for numerous reasons including:

- Simplification of the growing complexity of managing the many requests for student changes in their regular mode of transportation;
- Improved safety by reducing the number of changes onto a bus, thereby making the emergency system more effective if the riders' families must be contacted;

- Enhanced on-time bus departure at South School and arrival time at West School.