

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON DAY CARE AND SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION

The St. Lucie Public Schools will continue to serve certain non-profit childcare centers. We have instituted a fee for this additional service that will be collected by the childcare center your child attends. We have prepared the following frequently asked questions that may be helpful.

Q. My child needs ride two buses, one from home in the morning and a different bus in the afternoon to an approved non-profit daycare.

A. With the implementation of the fee-based service, we are now offering the ability to utilize the home to school stop in the AM and PM as well as the childcare stop. The transportation enrollment form for the childcare center has a place for you to enter the alternate stop location. The usual criteria apply such as being in the same zone as your child's school, etc. The fee applies to the childcare service whether or not an alternative stop is requested.

Q. My house and my child's daycare center are on the same bus route. Can my child get on the bus at home in the morning and get off the same bus in the afternoon at the daycare?

A. Same as above, as long as the child is registered at a childcare we provide for and the fee paid, the alternate stop can be requested on the childcare transportation registration form.

Q. I work. How can I request a stop at my caregiver's home?

A. You can request in writing a change of your child's stop to a caregiver's home. (No daycares, commercial location, etc.). As long as the stop is within the transportation zone for the school your child attends, and space is available, we will provide the stop. If you require the stop in addition to your home stop, a fee will apply. (eff. 10/01/14)

Q. What if I only need them to go to another location a few days a week?

A. We recognize the recorded address in the Skyward student data system as the official transportation address for the standard provided school bus stop. Adding a separate address for different days or weeks can be requested for a fee, subject to space availability and being in the same transportation zone as the school attended. (eff. 10/01/14)

Q. I work in another school zone and I would like for my child to be taken to the day care near where I work. Is that possible?

A. Transportation can only be offered to location within the zone where the student lives.

Q. I would like my child brought to my place of work. How can I get a bus stop near where I work?

A. The safety of your child is our most important priority. We cannot make bus stops in commercial areas for safety reasons.

Q. My former spouse and I have a court order for shared custody. We need our child delivered to both location, depending on the day of the week and our schedules. How can we request this?

A. We recognize the recorded address in the Skyward student data system as the official transportation address for the standard provided school bus stop. Adding a separate address for different days or weeks can be requested for a fee, subject to space availability and being in the same transportation zone as the school attended. (eff. 10/01/14)

Q. What if my situation changes and I no longer need my child to go to another location?

A. Once notified, we will make arrangements for a bus to or from your home within a few days. Please give us as much notice as you can to arrange for a bus route for your child.

Q. What happens if I want my child to go to a friend's house on a Friday to spend the night?

A. We have always allowed a signed note from home and then initialed by the principal or designee as permission slips for these occasional requests. However, if the bus is at capacity, the "courtesy" rider cannot ride.

Q. I live within two miles of my child's school, why am I not eligible for transportation?

A. The State does not fund riders who live within two miles of their assigned school except in rare conditions where a qualifying hazard exists; however, we will allow your child to utilize the closest existing stop for a fee. We will not create a new stop for this service, only existing stops can be utilized, subject to space availability. (eff. 10/01/14)

NO PRE-K, KINDERGARDENERS OR FIRST GRADERS ARE ALLOWED OFF THE BUS UNESCORTED. PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE THERE TO MEET THEM. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE LET OFF UNESCORTED, LET THE DRIVER KNOW AND TELL YOUR CHILD TO INFORM THE DRIVER ALSO.

PLEASE REVIEW THE BUS STOP LOCATION AND BUS SAFETY RULES WITH YOUR CHILD. THANK YOU.

MAIN TRANSPORTATION LINE 204-RIDE (7433)