

2017-2018 Dallas ISD Magnet Program Transportation FAQs

1. Is transportation provided for magnet program students?

Yes, transportation is provided for students in grades PreK-12 who reside two or more miles from the magnet school. This applies to students accepted into the magnet program who live within the Dallas ISD attendance boundary. Transportation is provided from a Dallas ISD school to the magnet school, not from a neighborhood stop to the magnet school. A school pick-up location is created when three or more students request transportation from the same location.

2. Is my child eligible for transportation if we live outside Dallas ISD boundaries?

Dallas ISD does not provide transportation for out-of-district students. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's transportation to and from the magnet school.

3. What type of transportation is provided for my student?

The district will provide a yellow school bus or an MPV (Multiple Passenger Vehicle) that holds up to nine passengers. All yellow school buses will be clearly marked by Dallas County Schools (DCS). The MPVs will be marked by DCS or the Dallas Independent School District for easy identification. Route numbers will be posted near the loading door.

4. How will parents/students be notified of their pick up locations, type of vehicle and route number?

Beginning Monday, August 7, 2017 Parents/Guardians may access bus route information online at:
<https://powerfleet.azureedge.net/public/District/Parent/905>.

5. How are the approved pick-up locations determined?

Elementary vanguard and middle school academies only: A school pick-up location is created when three or more students request transportation from the same pick-up location. To secure a bus stop at the start of the school year, must fill out the Student Transportation Request Form and provide it to the school. High school magnets, except Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School and Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy, are not required to fill out the form at this time. Irma Rangel and Barack Obama students need to provide a middle school, and all others need to provide an elementary school pick-up location. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's transportation to the pick-up locations.

6. If I change my mind or need to change the pick-up location, can I transfer to another stop?

We recommend that students who have requested transportation remain at the same pick-up location for before and after school for the remainder of the school year. However, exceptions will be made based on space availability and case-by-case **only**. The drivers are not able to make these types of decisions, therefore, please inform the school or contact the Transportation Services Department.

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7. What if I need to request a new stop?

New stop requests will be implemented 5 days after receiving the request in writing. Submit all new requests to the school. Transportation Services will review the request. A new stop will not be added unless three or more students request that stop.

8. Will siblings who attend a magnet school, but are in the comprehensive curriculum, be able to register, ride along, and/or take advantage of the transportation services?

No. Siblings who attend the comprehensive school within the magnet school are not eligible for transportation. Transportation is not provided to Curriculum/Hardship Transfer students. Only the students attending the magnet program are eligible.

9. What does my child need to do when boarding the bus or MPV on the first day of school or for the first time?

Students who have requested transportation and are assigned to a pick-up location will be able to board by giving the driver their name. Each driver will have a list of student passengers. The driver will verify eligibility to make sure the student's name is on the list for each pick-up location. Drivers will not leave any students behind.

10. What if my student's name is not on the pick-up location list provided to the campus or the driver?

Elementary vanguard and middle school academies only. Fill out the Student Transportation Request Form (instructions attached). Also, contact the school as soon as possible. There may be a delay in allowing a student to ride a particular route due to space availability. The parent will be responsible for transporting the student until route adjustments can be made.

11. Who do I contact if the school bus or MPV is late, has not shown up, and/or I have questions or concerns?

Please contact Dallas County Schools at (214) 944-4545.

