

Transportation Facts & Figures



About Transportation Services

Transportation ensures school leaders, and staff are provided logistical tools and resources available to support schools in achieving our collective mission that Every Child Succeeds. Our service offerings reflect the district's priorities, and are designed to meet the needs of DPS's unique school models and programs, in an equitable manner.

Operate with sustainability: As responsible stewards of taxpayers' funds, we leverage operational expertise to utilize our financial resources with sustainability and with Integrity.

Transportation By the Numbers:

- Students Transportation-eligible: 39,640
- Average Number of Students Riding Per Day: 20,825
- Route Segments Per Day: 977
- Average Miles Driven Per Day: 17,091
- Number of HS Students Eligible for RTD Service: 2,503
- Schools Provided Home to School Transportation: 156
- Number of Schools That Do Not Follow the District School Calendar: 68
- Reoccurring Early Releases or Late In Support: 36 Schools
- Total size of transportation fleet: 829
- Number of Yellow Buses: 385
- Number of White/School Owned Buses: 44
- Number of other support fleet vehicles: 351
- Number of other vehicles and equipment: 49
- Average Age of Yellow Bus Fleet: 11 years



Fleet Operations:

The Fleet Maintenance division within Transportation Services is responsible for servicing all DPS vehicles, including:

- 385 yellow school buses
- 44 white/school-owned buses
- 351 other support fleet vehicles and trailers
- 49 other vehicles and equipment
- the procurement, receipt, storage and issue of all District fuels

DPS Fuel Card Policy and Procedures

- verifying and determining all new vehicle specifications for procurement
- maintenance, supply and service contracts

Fleet Maintenance operates from two maintenance sites: Hilltop Maintenance Site (2810 W. 7th Ave) and Northeast Maintenance Site (4937 Dallas Street). The department operates two shifts at each terminal, beginning at 5 a.m. – 10

p.m. at Hilltop, and 5 a.m. – 9 p.m. at Northeast.

Fleet Maintenance employs approximately 50 shop personnel:

- Maintenance Technician I – responsible for fueling vehicles
- Vehicle Service Technician II – performs preventive maintenance on all vehicles
- Technicians – responsible for annual inspections on buses and full maintenance on all vehicles, both buses and support vehicles
- Parts Technicians – The department has two full-service parts departments, one at each terminal and employs two parts technicians



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Functions of the Division are supported by an automated fleet maintenance software system, which tracks parts expenditures and labor. The distribution of fuel is also tracked by an automated fuel distribution system.

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Transportation Services

We work hard to provide the best transportation services to all of Denver Public Schools. We know that as administrators, your days are busy. So we want to make the process of how you find information and/or request our services as easy as possible.

Standard Bus Routes:

Standard Bus Service provides eligible students with transportation from a bus stop to their boundary school. Transportation assigns eligible students to ride specific buses according to district guidelines and within specific load limits.

Success Express - Far & Near Northeast:

Success Express features a fleet of DPS buses that circulate through the Far Northeast and Near Northeast neighborhoods and offer students three opportunities to catch a ride. The shuttle runs from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m., and then from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., facilitating more flexible school days and on-time access for students to their participating school of choice. Students can get on or off any bus at any stop, and in many cases can simply wait for the next bus to arrive within 15 minutes if they miss the first one. Every bus has two adults on board – the driver and a paraprofessional, whose primary job will be to make sure students are getting on and off at the right spot, and doing so safely. ID tags worn by participating students will indicate what school they are attending.

West Enrollment Zone:

To support the West Enrollment Zone, the Southwest Express was implemented, which provides bus service to multiple riders from multiple schools. All middle school students that reside in this region are eligible for transportation and just need to access the nearest bus stop to their home to ride. Stops for each school are located within the West Enrollment Zone.

Southwest Enrollment Zone:

To support the Southwest Enrollment Zone, the Southwest Express was implemented, which provides bus service to multiple riders from multiple schools. All middle school students that reside in this region are eligible for transportation and just need to access the nearest bus stop to their home to ride. Stops for each school are located within the Southwest Enrollment Zone.

Southeast Enrollment Zone:

DPS has developed an enrollment zone

to provide greater access for students to high-performing elementary schools in the Southeast Region of the district. To support this enrollment zone, Transportation Services has implemented a bus system that provides service to multiple riders from multiple schools. Elementary school students that reside in the Southeast region that currently attend Samuels, Holm or Joe Shoemaker, have the opportunity to attend any of the three schools and receive transportation. Bus stops service all three schools. The system requires students to get to a bus stop location assigned by transportation in order to be provided a ride to one of the three schools.

Stapleton/Greater Park Hill Enrollment Zone:

To support the growing Stapleton and Greater Park Hill areas, DPS has created the Stapleton Enrollment Zone for Elementary Schools and the Greater Park Hill/Stapleton Enrollment Zone for Middle Schools. Elementary school students are eligible for transportation if they reside within the Stapleton priority zone and live more than one mile from their school, or if their walk is defined as “hazardous”. Middle school students who live within the GPHS shared boundary, and who attend one of the below schools, will be provided transportation to and from Denver Discovery School, DSST: Conservatory Green Middle School, DSST: Stapleton Middle School, McAuliffe International School and William “Bill” Roberts

Athletics & Excursions:

We provide yellow bus support for high school and middle school sport programs. In the event that you need service outside of the local front range, we do outsource to charter companies for additional charges. Activity bus rentals are also available.

RTD Passes:

A student who resides more than 3.5 miles from his/her neighborhood high school and attends this school, or a student who attends a high school magnet program and resides more than 3.5 miles from the location of the magnet program, is eligible for the DPS-RTD pass.



Additional Services

Traffic Safety:

The Safety & Training Department in Transportation Services is available to evaluate school bus loading and unloading zones. Members of Transportation Services, the Department of Safety and Security, and the Traffic Engineering Department of Denver have entered into a cooperative committee to handle just these types of problems. If you are in need of having your signs evaluated or changed contact the Transportation Training Department liaison Chuck Clopine at 720-423-4634.

CommuteDPS:

The CommuteDPS program provides school leaders and staff with tools to create and communicate school travel plans that develop proper pick-up and drop-off protocols to make campuses more pedestrian friendly and safe. A school travel plan is a document that outlines how to improve busing, carpooling, walking and bicycling conditions surrounding a campus to increase the likelihood of students and visitors using active transportation safely.