

Dear Families,

We are writing to inform you of an important change to a school bus transportation procedure, which will take effect for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure efficient and safe transportation for all our students, we are adjusting our bus routes from eight regular routes to seven. This consolidation is necessary to manage our resources effectively and, critically, to adhere to having students on the bus for a reasonable time.

Due to these time constraints, we will unfortunately be unable to make stops at locations that are not directly on our newly established regular bus routes. This means that for the 2025-2026 school year, we will no longer be able to accommodate pick-ups or drop-offs at locations such as daycares, grandparents' homes, or other residences that are not immediate stops on our scheduled routes.

We understand that this change may present logistical challenges for some families. To help mitigate these difficulties, we would like to offer the option of meeting the bus at one of our regularly scheduled pick-up locations. If this is a feasible option for your family, you are welcome to drop off your student(s) at a designated stop along one of the regular routes. We would then be happy to transport them to school and back to that same stop.

If you choose this option, we kindly request that you coordinate directly with the families who reside at or near the regular bus stop you intend to use. This will ensure a smooth and safe transition for all students involved.

We recognize that this adjustment may require some changes to your family's routines, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to optimize our transportation system. Our priority remains the safety and well-being of all our students, and these route adjustments are essential to achieving that within the necessary timeframes.

Mr. Stender, our Transportation Director, has provided detailed information regarding the new bus routes and their designated stop locations that can be found online at <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/MCSD-Transportation-25-26.pdf> or attached to this email. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring a successful school year for all our students.