



Coweta County School System

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School bus routes and transportation tips for the August 1 start of school

[2025-26 Bus Routes \(links by school\)](#)

Coweta County School System officials and the system's transportation department urge Cowetans to take extra time and care when students return to school on Friday, August 1.

School bus service begins that morning, and students who ride the bus the first day are advised to be at their neighborhood bus stop a little earlier than usual, until routes adjust for ridership.

Bus route information listed here is good for the first day of school, Friday August 1, and the first weeks of school. Routes will be altered as necessary following ridership patterns. School system transportation Director Fate Simmons reminds parents that Coweta roads will have a higher volume of traffic Friday morning, as parents and school buses transport many of Coweta's 23,000 students to their first day of class.

"It always takes the first day or two for everyone to get used to school traffic," said Simmons. "We ask that everyone keep in mind that buses will be on the road again for the new school year on Friday, making stops in the morning and dropping students off in the afternoons. Everyone should leave a little earlier for work and school, drive safely, and be mindful of buses and children."

For students riding the bus to school August 1:

- Students who will ride the bus on the first day of school are advised to be at their neighborhood bus stop earlier than usual on the first day and full week of school. Parents can also call the transportation department (9770-254-2820) regarding routes and stops for their neighborhood.
- Though routes and times are expected to remain the same this year, remember that bus ridership can be difficult to predict on the first day of school, and some delays are possible. Routes will quickly regularize as the first full week proceeds.

- The street listing for bus routes ([2025-26 Bus Routes \(links by school\)](#)) provides the bus number that serves that street. Times are not provided, as it will take the first week or for routes to become more consistent, and they can change at any time. The earliest elementary routes generally begin at 6:45 a.m.. Middle and high routes generally begin at 7:30 a.m..
- Bus pick-up sites have remained largely unchanged since last school year. Generally, if a home is on a street or cul-de-sac of 2/10th's of a mile or less in length, students should wait for the bus on the nearest street corner.
- If a subdivision street or other neighborhood street is longer than 2/10ths of a mile long, bus stops are generally 1/10th of a mile apart based on ridership.
- All parents should make sure the child's teacher is aware of the child's mode of transportation and their destination in the afternoon.

• If parents are unsure about pick-up sites for the school bus, or have other questions, they can call the transportation department at 770-254-2820.

Parents who will drive children to school are also advised to leave home and arrive at school earlier than usual on the first day. Coweta County school operations times are:

Elementary schools – 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Middle schools – 8:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

High schools – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Central Educational Center – 8:15 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. (first and second blocks); 12:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. (third and fourth blocks).

Parents can expect longer lines for student drop-off on the first days and should plan accordingly. Every school has separate drop-off areas for bus traffic and car traffic, and car drivers should be extra caution to stay away from bus zones on the first days of school.

Simmons has additional safety tips for all drivers as the school year starts:

- Expect the unexpected – slow down, stay alert, and be prepared to stop quickly around school buses and in school zones.
- Everyone has a responsibility for school bus safety. Be on the alert for children walking to and from their school bus stop, and exercise care as children wait at their stops. Be alert and watch for children near schools or in school parking lots.
- Parents should accompany very young children to the bus stop, and meet them on their return.
- The most dangerous time for children who ride school buses is when they are loading and unloading on the road.
- When you see flashing yellow lights on the front or rear of a school bus, that means the bus is about to stop. Slow down and watch for students. Never speed up to beat a school bus, and exercise caution.
- Motorist are required to come to a full stop when the school bus activates its flashing red lights, stops, and deploys its stop arm.

- Be attentive after stopping. Motorists must remain stopped until all students are loaded, or until all unloading students have cleared 12 feet off the roadway. Proceed with caution after all students have cleared the roadway and the bus has turned off its lights and retracted the stop arm.
- Remind students when crossing the street to stop and look for cars and trucks and look to their bus driver for clearance.
- Be mindful of school zones. Obey speed limits and watch for school crossing guards. Don't pass vehicles in school zones or at crosswalks. Don't change lanes or make u-turns in school zones.

Typically, school enrollment and bus ridership grow over the first weeks of school. The department will address problems that arise in the first weeks of August. Coweta County Schools asks parents to be patient during the first weeks of school as these changes are made.

Because of that, the routes and assigned buses listed here are subject to change after the first full week of school following August 1, depending on enrollment growth and ridership patterns.

The Coweta County School System provides the option of bus service to all Coweta County students. In all, Coweta school buses transport about 15,000 Coweta County students each day, covering about 12,000 miles daily.

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