

BUS AND VALET Q & A

<p>My question is, is it possible to explore the availability of breakfast before school or at least 1st thing?</p>
<p><i>Any student can request BIC before class. Just knock on Madliene's door and she'll be happy to serve early breakfast.</i></p>
<p>There are a couple of the same parents who always show up at the bus stop late or text people to delay the bus! These parents cause the entire bus load of students to be stressed and tardy to school!</p>
<p><i>Parents are supposed to be at the stop at least five minutes before the posted departure time, lined up and ready to board. The driver should be issuing written citations to parents who are consistently late. No one should be asking to hold the bus.</i></p>
<p>The Zebra bus constantly arrives at school before staff can let students off. Is it possible to push the morning departure time back 5-10 minutes? Bus pickup is too early.</p>
<p><i>Gabriel Rodríguez, our Area Supervisor, is looking into pushing the AM departure time back 5-10 minutes for both Valley buses. Notification of any changes should be made in a week or so.</i></p>
<p><i>Community Magnet has the most professional and courteous bus drivers. I am happy with the bus drivers. Great job safely transporting these young scholars to and from school. Great job bus drivers! Also, great job to Kathryn Michaels, Alice, Xantipa, Maria front office and Lalita for coordinating all these last minute phone calls from parents with bus and valet changes. They are a great team and very professional! A huge thank you!</i></p>
<p><i>I actually just wanted to say how much we love Mr. Alvarez/Elephant bus and really appreciate the bus system at Community. Just in case you aren't getting any positive feedback. We're very happy with the system. Thank you!</i></p>
<p>Is there a way to ensure a consistent driver for Racoon bus? It seems we have the most students, but it appears we are constantly having a sub. Subs are not always aware of who the parents are and tend to leave and arrive a little slower / later, which cuts into drive time for parents who have multiple drop-offs... Thank you!</p>
<p>Koala bus is often late and or we have different drivers/buses. One time, the bus came and picked up our kids and then another bus showed up, and all the parents were really concerned!</p>
<p>When new bus drivers are assigned or a bus driver is temporarily covering a bus route, they should be more familiar with the route by cross-training, reviewing maps prior driving the route for the most safest but the MOST FASTEST way to the school and pick-up/drop-off points. Too many times new drivers drive longer routes which causes frustration for students getting to school because they are very late, also when</p>

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<p>the bus is dropping off the students it's been close to 2 hours or more hours for the student to get home.</p>
<p><i>Drivers are assigned to routes based on seniority. It's not always possible to know in advance when a driver will be out. Transportation tries to find cover drivers from the available pool. Patience and understanding is required when dealing with the buses. Everyone is doing the best they can, and we are grateful to have transportation to and from.</i></p>
<p>Late bus question: How many passenger students (minimum) would you need daily to keep a dedicated late bus route to Windsor Elementary School site drop-off? By the way, thank you for having this route this year!!!! Under what circumstances would a late bus route be eliminated? How many students/families take each late bus Route?</p>
<p><i>The late buses this year have been provided for our tutoring program. We were able to add students staying late for our after-school programs to those buses. We anticipate being able to continue offering late buses next year. The stops may be determined based on ridership needs.</i></p>
<p>Is there any way to know ahead of time when the Valley Buses will combine?? So if we want to valet then we have enough time to get to Community. Maybe like 30-40 mins notice?? Is there a way to be notified if the buses will be combined? I know this is never the plan and that things come up.</p>
<p><i>We almost never know when buses will have to be combined until dismissal. On days that we happen to have advance warning, we can tweet (X) that information as early as we learn.</i></p>
<p>What are the "allowed" discipline measures bus drivers are allowed to take while in route? Better understanding of bus rules.</p>
<p><i>Bus drivers have the authority to set their rules for conduct, within reason. Some tolerate more noise than others. Some assign seats. Basic rules include remaining seated with the seatbelt fastened, not turning around or blocking the aisle, not using pens or pencils to do homework, not eating or drinking (except water).</i></p>
<p>AC on buses</p>
<p>I'm concerned about the sub bus drivers for valley buses not turning on the air conditioner in 90-100 degree weather as a means of disciplining the children.</p>
<p><i>We are aware of reports that a bus driver threatened to turn off AC as punishment to students. This is not acceptable. The school district is aware, investigating, and will take action as appropriate.</i></p>
<p>If the bus is late, and we opt to drive our students to school (we got a late notice it would be an Hour late!), we are still marked as tardy-can those be excused? It seems wrong to just wait for a bus and be even later for school, but it isn't fair that it is unexcused (for example, if we thought the bus was 10 min late, it would be worth waiting but 20 min in if we get a text that the bus is running an hour behind, what are we to do?)</p>

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Please make sure you alert the office when this happens. Students who are late due to bus issues are marked tardy with a special code. These are excused tardies and do not count against the child's attendance.

Is there an alternative to following X (twitter) to get updates. The bus tracker is inconsistent and would love to at least know when the buses leave.

CMCS sends tweets to alert parents when the school buses leave the school. This is the easiest and quickest way to notify all parents. Some parents share information through What's App for those who don't have "X".

Late valet protocol

Late bus and valet protocol is the same as during regular dismissal. The valet line cars should line up on the left side of the driveway to make room for the school buses. Please do not park or sit in your car on the right side of the driveway. Valet parents should remain in their cars and students will be put into cars as we always do at regular dismissal.