

Parent Handout for Back on Track (BOT)

2025–2026

What does BOT stand for?

BOT stands for Back on Track.

What is Back on Track?

BOT is a secure, quiet, and supervised environment where students can focus on completing schoolwork. Teachers may refer students to BOT for:

- Catching up on work missed due to absences
- Revising or redoing assignments that did not meet expectations
- Making up missed assignments
- Completing or taking assessments

To be prepared, students should bring their iPad charged (or bring a charger).

What BOT Is Not

BOT is not:

- A place to work for only a few minutes
 - a drop-in program or casual after-school supervision.
 - A tutoring service
 - A place to play computer games
 - A form of punishment
 - A homework club
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Is a teacher referral required?

Yes. Due to the district's 25-student limit, neither students nor parents are able to make BOT referrals.

Referring teachers are responsible for contacting parents to confirm the student will be staying after school and arranging transportation if the student is not riding the Activity Bus.

How does my child get home after BOT?

Students may:

- Ride the Activity Bus — Three routes are available (see chart on back). Please note: Activity Bus stops are not the same as regular stops and may be 5–6 blocks away. Drivers often accommodate reasonable drop-off requests along the route.
 - Be picked up by a parent/guardian — Pick-up is on the cafeteria side of DMS at 4:15 PM. No sign-out is required; students will be dismissed directly.
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How will I know if my child is staying for BOT?

The referring teacher will contact you by phone or email to request your permission before your child attends BOT.

Is tutoring available at BOT?

BOT is supervised by certified teachers who can offer assistance as time allows. However, staffing does not permit continuous one-on-one tutoring for every student.

Is BOT the same as detention?

No. BOT is not a punishment. It's an opportunity for students to get—and stay—Back on Track in a supportive, structured environment designed to help them meet DMS's high, yet achievable, academic expectations

What are the BOT dates for the 2025-2026 school year?

September 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 30

October 1, 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23

November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25

December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18,

January 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29

February 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26,

March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

April 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30

May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

Activity Bus routes

4:15 Bus	Route
Bus 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● LEAVE DMS● VIA FOX CHAPEL RD● FOX CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL● HILLCREST RD● DELAFIELD RD ALL STOPS● ASPINWALL 4TH & DELAFIELD● 2ND & DELAFIELD● BOTTOM OF OAKHILL ROAD● BLAWNOX ALL STOPS● RIVER RD● GULF LAB RD● RURAL RIDGE ALL STOPS● RICH HILL RD ALL STOPS
Bus 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● LEAVE DMS● FIELD CLUB & SQUAW RUN● BUCKINGHAM RD● HUNT RD ALL STOPS● KITANNING PIKE TO KERR● PLEASANT VALLEY● SHARPSBURG-NORTH CANAL TO 13TH● 15TH & MAIN ST● PARKVIEW● DORSEYVILLE RD ALL STOPS● INDIANOLA

Bus 3

- LEAVE DMS
- VIA POWERS RUN RD
- FOX CHAPEL RD ALL STOPS
- OLD MILL RD
- OLD MILL TO FAIRVIEW
- FAIRVIEW SCHOOL
- FOX CHAPEL & HIGHVIEW
- RAWLINS RUN TO DORSEYVILLE RD
- DOWN HARTS RUN RD
- MIDDLE RD ALL STOPS
- SAXONBURG BLVD ALL STOPS
- ALPINE VILLAGE
- RT 910 TO CEDAR RUN
- RT 910 AT MYERS LANE
- RT 910 AT WD CTR (TURN AROUND)
- RT 910 AT BLUE RUN