

Smithton Middle School

Activity Bus

Activity buses are optional, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not reimburse Columbia Public Schools for the cost of the buses; all costs associated for activity buses must come from district budgets.

Routes and drop off locations are set to follow the most direct path with as few drop-off locations as possible, with the goal of establishing drop-off locations within a mile from students' homes. By setting the activity bus routes up in this fashion the district can afford to provide this service free of charge as well as being able to cover routes and drop-offs within the parameters of current staffing.

Parents are encouraged to meet their child at the drop-off location, or as in years' past, parents may pick their student/s up at school when their after-school activities are finished.

The drops off locations below are not in order of drop-off from school. Buses typically leave the Middle School between 4:15 – 4:30 pm.

Smithton Middle Drop Off Locations

REEDSPORT RDG & W BROADWAY ST [NE]
 FAUROT DR @ STONE VALLEY PKWY [NE]
 SMITH DR @ SILVER THORNE DR [NE]
 LOUISVILLE DR @ RAINBOW TROUT CIR [W]
 LOUISVILLE DR S@MILLBROOK DR W [N]
 LOUISVILLE DR S @ GEORGETOWN DR W [NW]
 LOUISVILLE DR @ TIPTREE CT [NW]

FAUROT DR @ BREWER DR [SW]
 FAUROT DR @ DEFOE DR [SW]
 FAIRVIEW RD S @ FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL W
 CHAPEL HILL RD @ TALENT DR [N]
 CHAPEL HILL RD @ CUNNINGHAM RD [NE]
 CHAPEL HILL RD @ GLENBROOK CT [NE]
 MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rural areas please contact STA for drop off location, may take 5-7 days to set up
(573) 214-3860

When selecting a drop off location for your student please choose the safest walk path from drop-off to home. In some cases this may not be the shortest path. Students may not cross roads of more than 2-lanes, including the lane the bus is in.

Transportation will review (and in some cases may have to change) the drop-off location selected; parents will be notified if this occurs.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Columbia Public Schools will again be able to provide activity buses to take Middle School students to designated drop off locations, free of charge. Parents are responsible for their child from the drop off location to home.

The district is able to provide this service free of charge to students living outside the Middle School walk-zone by minimizing the number of drop-off locations and side streets the buses travel. This means drop off points will be spaced out.

- Buses in general will **only** travel along main streets.
- Drop off locations may be spaced up to a mile apart
- Drop off locations are based on residence location as follows:
 - Inside an elementary school walk-zone (1 mile) will be dropped off at the elementary school
 - Outside elementary walk-zone – designated drop off points, students may have to walk up to a mile
- One-Day ride passes are **not** permitted for any reason, pre-registration is required
- Students will only ride **their** assigned bus to their assigned drop off point.

The designated drop off points are on the back of this form to help you determine where your child will get dropped off, as in years past you can continue to pick your child up at school.

Bus Expectations

One conduct card = removal from activity bus for remainder of the year

1. Students **must** go straight home after getting off the bus.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Keep head, hands, feet and objects to yourself and in the bus, keeping the aisles clear.
4. Stay in your seat. (Back To Back, Seat To Seat).
5. Do not eat, drink, litter, write on, or damage the bus in any way.
6. No loud talking or noises, no cursing, no swearing.
7. Use of mobile electronics is permitted in accordance with District Policy

All parents/guardians requesting to have their student/s ride the Tutoring bus will need to pre-register by completing the information on the bottom of this letter and turning into the school office by: _____

Dates: Registration due by Monday, January 10th to be able to ride on day one. Registrations after January 10th may take 5-7 days to process



Activity Bus Opt-in Request

Return to School Office by _____

Student Info

_____ Last Name First Name Student ID#

_____ Grade School

Drop Off Location (See reverse) _____
Transportation will verify and follow up if stop needs changed

_____ Parent Signature Emergency Contact Phone #/s