

Gentry 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.

Gentry Middle Drop Off Locations

GREEN MEADOWS RD W@CRESCENT GREEN DR [N]	PONDEROSA ST S @ NORTHAMPTON DR [W]
THIS IS THE DRIVE TO APTS	4001 PONDEROSA ST [W]
GREEN MEADOWS RD W @ LYNNWOOD DR [N]	BLUE ACRES
MILL CREEK ELEMENTARY	ROUND-A-BOUT @ KENTSFIELD LN [W]
VAWTER SCHOOL RD W @ SPRING CREEK RD [NE]	MEADOW LARK LN E @ SCHOONER RD E [N]
SCOTT BLVD S @ BETHANY DR W [SE]	GANS RD E @ BRADINGTON DR [NE]
SCOTT BLVD @ COUNTRY HILL DR W [E]	BEARFIELD RD S @ MACE DR [E]
SCOTT BLVD @ CEDAR CREST LN [SE]	BEARFIELD RD S @ SILVER LEAF CT [E]
SCOTT BLVD @ CURRENT RD [SE]	ROCK QUARRY RD @ SOUTHLAND DR [E]
SCOTT BLVD @ FLAGSTONE DR [SE]	OLD PLANK RD E @ TONY ST S [NE]
CHAPEL HILL RD @ KEYSTONE DR [SW]	BETHEL FALLS ENTRANCE [N]
CHAPEL HILL RD @ OAK CLIFF DR [SW]	OLD PLANK RD W @ PLANK WY [NW]
CHAPEL HILL RD @ FAIRVIEW RD S [SW]	ROUTE K W @ GATEWAY BLVD S [N]
CHAPEL HILL RD @ MARTINSHIRE DR [SW]	CASCADES DR @ BELLINGHAM DR [E]
CHAPEL HILL RD @ LIMERICK LN [SW]	ROUTE K W @ CHAMBERLAIN LN [SW]
PLANTER RD @ WHITE OAK LN [SW]	AZOROS DR @ OLD VILLAGE RD S [SW]

**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.

8.22.23

For the 2023-2024 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 can 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: _____

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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
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