

# Don't Delay – Opt-In Today

**Transportation Opt-In deadline is Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

As a reminder the Columbia Public Schools only offers transportation services to those students that meet the following qualifications based on home of residence:

- High School (grades 9-12): reside 2 miles or more from school
- Middle School: (grades 6-8) reside 1 mile or more from school
- Elementary (grades K-5): reside 1 mile or more from school

**New** for the 2021-22 School Year students **must** “Opt-In” for transportation during registration. By Opting in the Columbia Public Schools in partnership with our transportation provider, Student Transportation of America (STA) can efficiently, effectively, and safely provide transportation.

In order to ensure students meeting the qualifications are able to be assigned to a school bus for the first day of school the District has developed an Opt-In process for parents to complete during annual enrollment. This must be completed by Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Those students opting in after the August 16<sup>th</sup> deadline will not be scheduled for transportation until the second week of school at the earliest.

Those students that Opt-In by the August 16<sup>th</sup> deadline will be able to view their student’s school bus information using the CPS Family Portal using the Home Access Center app prior to school starting.

Any changes needed after the initial “Opt-In” will need to be processed through your student’s school. No changes or adjustments will be processed by STA after Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.