

## School Bus Route Information 2011–2012

Lee's Summit bus routes are "tiered" to maximize the use of equipment and staff for efficiency purposes. In-town routes will service three schools: one secondary and two elementary routes in the morning and afternoon. Rural routes (east and south areas of the district) may only be servicing one high/middle school and one elementary school due to extended travel time to and from the route areas. Buses begin leaving the garage at 5:50 AM completing most route assignments by 8:50 AM. The average student ride time to or from school is 31 minutes. Rural areas will need additional time for travel. In-district ride time one-way should not exceed 60 minutes for regular route schedules. Detours will impact travel time on routes for the start of the 2011 school year: M-150 west of M-291 and Bailey Road east of M-291 to Hamblen Road.

### ***Questions:***

***What TIME will students begin getting on buses and arrive home in the afternoons?***

### **Estimated Bus Pick-Up/Drop-Off and School Start/End Times**

| <b>SCHOOLS</b>   | <b>Morning PICK UP Route Time Frames</b>                                 | <b>Morning DROP OFF at School Time Frames</b>                  | <b>School START Times Variable</b>                         | <b>School END Times Variable</b>                          | <b>Afternoon DROP OFF At Home Time Frames</b>                      |
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| High Schools & Middle Schools  | Beginning 6:20 to 7:15 am  | 7:05 to 7:15 am High Schools<br>7:15 to 7:25 am Middle Schools | Beginning 7:30 am<br>to<br>7:50 am<br>Check <u>Schools</u> | Beginning 2:23 pm<br>to<br>2:45pm<br>Check <u>Schools</u> | 2:30 to 3:25 pm High Schools<br><br>2:35 to 3:25 pm Middle Schools |
| Summit Ridge Academy   | 7:00 to 7:45 am  | 7:50 to 7:55 am  | 8:00 am<br>11:00 am  | 11:00 am<br>2:00 pm                                       | 11:00 - 11:45am<br>2:00 - 3:00 pm                                  |
| <b><u>Early Start Elementary</u></b><br>Prairie View<br>Richardson<br>Meadow Lane<br>Highland Park<br>Greenwood<br>Hawthorn Hill   | Beginning 7:35 to 8:00 am  | Beginning 8:00 to 8:10 am                                      | 8:20 am  | 3:20 pm   | 3:20 to 3:50pm   |
| <b><u>Late Start Elementary</u></b><br>Longview Farm<br>Hazel Grove<br>Mason Elem<br>Woodland<br>Trailridge<br>Summit Pointe<br>-----<br>Westview<br>Cedar Creek<br>Lee's Summit Elem<br>Pleasant Lea Elem<br>Sunset Valley<br>Underwood | Beginning 8:10 to 8:40 am<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>8:20 to 8:40 am | Beginning 8:40 to 8:45am                                       | Beginning 8:55 to 9:00am<br><br>Check <u>Schools</u>       | Departing Schools 3:55-4:00pm<br><br>Check <u>Schools</u> | Home Arrivals 4:00 to 4:45pm                                       |
| Great Beginnings<br>Early Childhood  | See <u>Schools</u>   |  |  |   |  |

***What type of delays could I encounter with bus services?***

- A bus breakdown can result in a delay until maintenance staff is able to provide service or a substitute bus. Adverse weather may prompt slow schedules in areas encountering traffic delays due to road conditions. When a school bus is involved in any type of mishap on the road with evident property damage or injury, police reports must be filed at the scene, keeping all students on board until released by emergency personnel. Staff will transport students to school or home on an alternate bus, if needed. With the assistance of school staff, parent contact will be made as quickly as possible in the event of a serious accident resulting in student injury. Emergency personnel are in charge of any event requiring medical care and notifications for authorized parent / guardian contact.

***What will happen if I (parent) am not at the bus stop in the afternoon?***

- Students should load and unload at the same stop location daily unless written notice is provided for daycare changes. Elementary parents with younger age children should be at home at the end of the regular school day. Please make sure your child knows what to do in the event of your absence. Drivers may return your child to school without notice if there is a concern that an adult is not at home.

***Is there a fee for transportation?***

- Transportation is provided without charge to all eligible students living ½ mile or more from their assigned school building.

***How far will my child walk to a bus stop?***

- Per Department of Elementary and Secondary Education procedures, school bus stops should be established no less than 500 feet apart.
- Bus stops are located as close to the home as feasibly possible; buses do not enter dead-end or cul-de-sac streets unless determined necessary due to distance (generally more than ½ mile).

***When will I receive bus number information?***

- At building enrollment in late July and early August.
- Bus assignments are entered in PowerSchool.

***Where can I receive a copy of the rules of the bus?***

- Elementary and secondary student handbooks reference school bus rules.
- School Bus Rules and Regulations PDF File

***How are school closings and early release days handled for transportation?***

- Follow the link to the School Closings page for early release time information. Children ride the same bus in the morning they would ride HOME in the afternoon at the end of the early release day **unless** a note is sent to school indicating the need to travel to an alternate location within building boundaries for day care. Notes must be approved by the building administrator and returned to the school bus driver.

***Do you have an early childhood program?***

Yes, follow the link to schools - "Great Beginnings" Early Childhood program.