



Bus Safety and Maintenance

- APS bus drivers must complete 140 hours of training before they receive certification to operate APS buses.
- APS bus drivers receive six hours of training each year to maintain their licenses.
- Bus fleet maintenance technicians are certified through the Colorado Department of Education to perform annual bus comprehensive analysis checks and repairs.
- Every 4,000 to 6,000 miles, fleet maintenance technicians perform preventative maintenance.
- Every 6,000 miles, all school transportation vehicles receive a thorough analysis to determine any maintenance needs.

**Aurora Public Schools
Transportation Department**
160 Airport Blvd.
Aurora, CO 80011
303-326-1986

Hours of operation:
Monday-Friday, 5 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

For more information about APS Transportation services, visit: <http://apscms.net/departments/trans>.

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Student Bus Information



About APS Transportation

The Aurora Public Schools Transportation Department is committed to providing excellent customer service, safe vehicles and efficient transportation to the students of our community. We transport students to and from school, to special instructional programs throughout Aurora, and to athletic events. We employ more than 180 team members and service more than 500 vehicles to meet the needs of the school district.

We support the APS mission by asking each student to contribute to a culture based on trust, compassion, mutual respect and integrity while learning the life skill of how to be a safe rider on public transportation. Student safety is our top priority.



Bus Transportation Policy

As a general rule, bus transportation is provided to students based on the walking distances from their neighborhood to the school within their attendance boundaries. The walking distances vary according to grade level:

- **Grades K-5**—Students are eligible if they reside more than 1-1/4 miles in walking distance from their school.
- **Grades 6-8**—Students are eligible if they reside more than two miles in walking distance from their school.
- **Grades 9-12**—Students are eligible if they reside more than three miles in walking distance from their school.

School bus transportation is not available for students who voluntarily attend schools outside their normal attendance area.

Bus transportation may be offered to students with disabilities and for health or safety reasons depending on the circumstances.

Bus Schedules & Stops

APS develops bus schedules prior to the start of each school year. Your child's school will share bus schedule information two weeks before the start of school. You may also view bus schedules on the APS Web site at <http://apscms.net/departments/trans>.

Each bus stop is marked on the curb with a painted yellow and black APS stencil.

Students should arrive at their bus stops no earlier than five minutes prior to the bus departure time.

Weather Delays

All bus stops are serviced even in inclement weather. When there are traffic delays, students should be prepared to wait up to 20 minutes at the bus stop. Please ensure that your child is dressed in warm, layered clothing on cold days.

When school is delayed due to a late start, buses will pick up students one hour later than normal. If APS closes schools or delays start times, announcements will be made on local television and radio stations, on the APS Emergency Line, 303-326-1080, and sent to parent phone numbers. For information on delayed schedules, visit www.aps.k12.co.us/district-info/weatherclosings.html.

Bus Rules and Rewards

Students are expected to follow the APS bus rules to keep their bus riding privileges. A safe ride to and from school depends on each rider's respect for the bus rules and the driver's requests. Every route bus is equipped with video surveillance equipment that may be used at any time.

The Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program is used on all APS buses. This program allows bus drivers to recognize and reward students for good behavior and citizenship at the bus stop or during the ride to and from school. Students are recognized for positive behavior and entered into prize drawings at their schools.

Please check your school handbook for bus rules or on the APS Web site at <http://apscms.net/departments/trans>.

