

2020-2021 Transportation Update

Dear Families,

We are pleased to once again partner with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and Community Bus Services (CBS) to provide transportation options for eligible students for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Do you have a student who will be in K - 6th grade?
- Do you live in Cleveland, between 1 and 5 miles from school?
- Are you interested in yellow bus transportation for next school year?

If you answered yes to all the above, please read all of the attached information carefully and submit all required forms!

If you have a student who will be in 7th or 8th grade, live in Cleveland, and are interested in an RTA badge for next school year, please reach out to the school's Front Office.

If you have any questions about these options or any other aspects of our transportation program, please see me or any member of the Front Office for support.

We look forward to your partnership in the coming year!

Sincerely

Kelly Kitsis

Director of Operations

Village & E Prep Cliffs

****UPDATE RE COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE****

If you would like to apply for transportation, please contact the front office at 216-456-2080 or email us at nmay@theprepschools.org. A staff member will follow up with you to complete paperwork over the phone.

All information and dates assume school will begin as planned in August. If that changes, we will adjust and communicate updates as soon as possible.

Yellow Bus Dates and Frequently Asked Questions: 2020-2021 School Year

Who is eligible for yellow bus transportation?

According to CMSD guidelines, students are eligible for yellow bus transportation if they:

- Are in Kindergarten through 6th grade
- Reside within the city of Cleveland between 1 and 5 miles from the school

PLEASE NOTE: Official distance from school will be determined by CBS' rostering software; Google Maps or similar programs can be used to estimate distance but should not be taken as a guarantee of eligibility.

Any 7th and 8th grade siblings of eligible students may be allowed to ride with their younger siblings if there is capacity on the bus route; however, if capacity for a bus route is reached at any point during the school year, 7th and 8th grade siblings will be removed from the bus rosters.

Where will my child's bus stop be located?

Yellow bus transportation is not door to door. Bus routes are determined during the summer based on your child's home address and bus stops will be within 0.5 miles of that address (in accordance with CMSD guidelines) if you apply for busing by June 26th. If you apply for busing after June 26th, your child will be routed to the closest existing stop until late September - this *may* be greater than 0.5 miles.

PLEASE NOTE: Your child will only be routed to the **home address on file with the school**. If you need to change your address at any point over the summer or during the school year, please contact the school office and provide an updated proof of residency.

How do I apply for yellow bus transportation?

Any student who meets the eligibility criteria and is officially enrolled in school for the 2020-2021 school year can apply for yellow bus transportation.

Applications will only be processed once all of the following forms have been completed and returned to the school:

1. Yellow Bus Request Form
2. Yellow Bus Consent Form
3. Yellow Bus Behavior Contract
4. Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Walking Waiver (if applicable)

What is the deadline to apply for yellow bus transportation? When will route information be available?

Starting April 20, 2020 we will accept bus applications throughout the summer and at any point during the 2020-2021 school year. However, the proximity of your child’s bus stop to home and when they can start riding the bus depends on when your completed application is received.

PLEASE NOTE: All requests must be received by **noon** on the last day of the request window.

Deadline / Request Window	Bus Stop Within .5 Miles from Home?	Route Information Available	Ridership Start Date
4/20/20 - 6/26/20	Yes	7/24/20	First Day of School
6/27/20 - 7/24/20	Closest existing stop	8/5/20	First Day of School
7/25/20 - 8/5/20	Closest existing stop	8/13/20	8/17/20
8/6/20 - 8/11/20	Closest existing stop	8/20/20	8/24/20
8/12/20 - 8/18/20	Closest existing stop	8/27/20	8/31/20
8/19/20 - 8/25/20	Closest existing stop	9/3/20	9/8/20
8/26/20 - 9/1/20	Closest existing stop	9/10/20	9/14/20
9/2/20 - 9/25/20	No new requests processed. CBS will redesign routes as necessary based on current ridership and addresses so that bus stops are within .5 miles of home. Any changes to stops and/or stop times will go into effect 9/28/20.		
<p>For the remainder of the year, registrations will be handled as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All requests received by noon on Tuesday will be processed that week • Families will be notified of route information by that Thursday • Students may begin riding the following Monday 			
9/28/20 - 12/8/20	Closest existing stop	Thursday	Monday
12/9/20 - 1/5/21	No new requests processed. CBS will redesign routes as necessary based on current ridership and addresses so that bus stops are within .5 miles of home. Any changes to stops and/or stop times will go into effect 1/5/21.		
1/6/21 - 5/28/21	Closest existing stop	Thursday	Monday