

Transportation Report February 2024 Activities

The ISD #709 Transportation department manages both a district owned fleet of vehicles and district employees, including bus drivers, monitors, and mechanics, along with the coordination of contracted transportation services through Voyageur Bus Company.

Our department continues to navigate daily changes in routing for general ed and Sped busing. We are working in the new system fully and are moving toward the full automatic capability in it.

We had 82 field trips completed in February.

Staffing (comments and concerns)

- Staffing has continued to be a challenge as we are still a short two helpers, we are still short on drivers.
- Joe has been dealing with staff and their concerns and occasionally has to sub a route.
- Staff is getting tired since we are doing extra to keep up with demand for busing.
On a good note we have 1 helper and 1 driver starting on 3/11

Bus Maintenance

- Buses are still having issues due to age and rust, but we are getting them back into usable condition.
- We received the other 2 used buses and are getting them ready to add them into service.
- We just purchased five more vans and they are in process of being readied for inspection so they can be sent out to sites for use.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2012 and the next oldest is a 2014. Current average mileage 84,283 as we continue to purchase these newer buses this number continues to come down (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).