

Transportation Report December 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.

The Transportation department is dealing with many staff members out due to sick leave. The average has been 14 percent of the staff out due to illness, medical, etc.

Staffing (comments and concerns)

- We have hired 3 helpers but two of them are out on medical leave before starting.
- We have hired a driver trainee that should be starting soon.
- We have had no other applicants for the van driver positions at this time.

Bus Maintenance

- The mechanics are struggling to maintain the buses since they are out covering for sick drivers on a daily basis.
- We have a lot of maintenance due at this point and the mechanics are trying to prioritize this in between driving routes.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2012 and the next oldest is a 2014. Average mileage for this month is 89668. Our goal is to have 50-60k miles average.