

Transportation Report June 2023 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 per school requests for the summer school sessions. We are transitioning to the new software now and are starting to enter routes for the 23-24 school year.

Staffing (comments and concerns)

- Staffing has continued to be a challenge as we are still a few drivers short and now we need a helper as well.
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- We are still trying to find a supervisor instead of the assistant, we have had a few applicants but they were not qualified for the job.

Bus Maintenance

- The mechanics are in full swing working on getting our fleet ready for the upcoming DOT inspections August 1-2
- We continue to deal with an aging fleet and the many issues that brings, we have multiple buses that are scheduled for larger repairs with Mid state but they are still backlogged and can only get one done every few weeks for us.
- We have drivers helping clean and ready the buses as well.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2010 and the next oldest are three 2011's. Current average mileage 91,865 and this is with our two new buses bringing it down a bit (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).

Our next challenge is to get through inspections while still servicing summer school and moving into our new location at the end of this month.