

Transportation Report March 2021Activities

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 culmination of months of work regarding secondary transportation routes to transition to the 4-day in-person model was launched on Thursday, April 1. Work was focused on assessing actual student riders and adjusting and consolidating routes to consider both ridership and availability of drivers. Many last-minute enrollment changes were allowed in the buildings and the transportation team did their best to meet new transportation requests. It's important to note that creating routes, along with building pick up and drop off times, takes much planning and it isn't always possible to address changes without processes and checks, such as bus capacity.

More trips and student transportation needs are being added to the calendar now that students are coming back to buildings.

The District is exploring the option of transportation to support additional educational opportunities for students outside of the school year, and driver availability and scheduling will be reviewed.

Work on general maintenance and repairs to our vehicle fleet is an ongoing process.