

Transportation - History

- St. John's - busing provided by WCSD
- Madison Country Day - parent contracts
- Shuttles - Elementary (1996) *Allie wasn't even born yet!*
- Mileage limits (1.0 for K-4 and 1.75 for 5-12 students)
- Alternative Transportation (\$125 per year - 25+ years)
- Hazardous Transportation plan - BOE approved in June 2024
 - Heritage Elementary - September 2024
 - Middle School - September 2026

-----> Review Handouts on costs and student distances from school



Policy Committee Meeting - February 9, 2026

A possible option for 2026-27 would include:

1. Implement unusually hazardous transportation plan as previously approved by the school board (saves 3 bus routes for 5th through 12th grade).
2. Eliminate shuttles between the 3 elementary schools – replace the shuttles with 3 new shorter and 3 new longer routes that provide alternative transportation options for elementary students. The 3 shorter routes do not have a fiscal impact because they will continue on as 5th through 12th grade routes as they currently do. The 3 longer routes would have a fiscal impact because they would not connect to 5th through 12th grade routes. However, there would be 3 fewer 5th through 12th grade routes required if the unusually hazardous transportation plan remains as approved.
3. St. John's students would be served by a northern and southern bus route. The entire financial impact of this scenario would have to be modeled out if the school board was interested in learning more.



BOE Approved Summer School 2026 Transportation - February

The elementary shuttle system will be eliminated for the summer of 2026, with alternative transportation still available. Each elementary school will have direct bus routes for its students to approved alternative locations, including licensed daycare providers designated by the district. Previously, some students were transported between elementary buildings via a shuttle and then transferred to another bus to reach a daycare provider. The updated approach simplifies transportation by reducing transfers and providing more direct routes for students.

Alternative bus stop locations will be limited to ensure safe and reliable transportation. Each student may have one consistent morning pick-up location and one consistent afternoon drop-off location, which must remain the same from week to week. For students who reside in two parent or guardian households, both households may be designated as approved pick-up and drop-off locations, provided the schedule for each location is clearly established and remains consistent on a weekly basis.



Transportation Options

<p>Option #1</p> <p>Continue with the School Board approved hazardous transportation plans and policy changes to match Summer School 2026.</p>	<p>Option #2</p> <p>Modify the School Board approved hazardous transportation plans and no policy changes (status quo).</p>
<p>Option #3</p> <p>Continue with the School Board approved hazardous transportation plans and policy changes to match Summer School 2026 and implement additional policy changes in 27-28 and 28-29.</p>	<p>Option #4</p> <p>Modify the School Board approved hazardous transportation plans and make policy changes to match Summer School 2026 and implement additional policy changes in 27-28 and 28-29.</p>

*WCSD's instructional minutes K-12 are aligned with DPI requirements.

