

Transportation Report September 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 for general ed and Sped busing. We are working fully in the new software now and fixing issues with routes as we encounter them.

Staffing (comments and concerns)

- Staffing has continued to be a challenge as we are still a short some drivers and a helper, our new drivers are close to finishing their training.
- Joe Killian, Transportation Supervisor, has been managing staff and their concerns as well as learning routing and still driving a route to fill in daily.
- The staff have been working hard to fill in when others are out but there's just not enough employees yet to cover everything.

Bus Maintenance

- Buses are still having issues due to age and rust, but we are getting them back into usable condition.
- We are giving the two borrowed buses back to Voyageur now as we are back to having a couple of working spare buses.
- We finally received our garage door openers and assigned spots for the buses so they should be indoors whenever they are not in use.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2010 and the next oldest are three 2011's. Current average mileage 97,858 and this is with our two new buses bringing it down a bit (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).