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GCPS Transportation: School buses to hit the road soon

Fast facts about GCPS transportation services

- Operates 1,565 school buses
- Runs 7,050 routes per day
- Makes 45,000 stops twice per day
- Drives 130,000 miles per day (more than 29 round trips to Los Angeles per day)
- Drives more than 23 million miles per year
- Transports more than 120,000 students twice a day.

Practice runs to prepare drivers, families for first day of school

The week of Aug. 7-10, Gwinnett school buses will run practice routes during actual drive times. The school name will be displayed on a card in the bus window to help parents identify their child's bus. All GCPS bus drivers will run their assigned routes in the morning and afternoons, beginning Tuesday, Aug. 7, through Friday, Aug. 10. Parents should note that the practice runs on **Thursday, Aug. 9**, will be limited as drivers take part in back-to-school activities at the local school locations and mandatory safety training sessions.

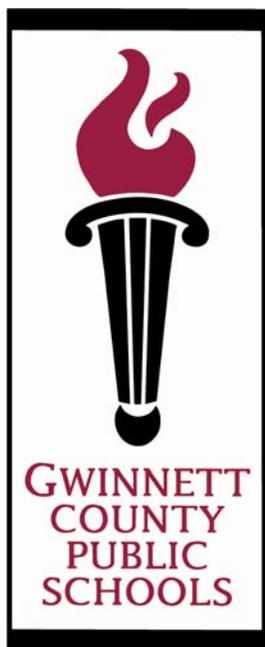
Extra waiting time recommended for bus riders in first week

On the first few days of school, school officials recommend that parents have students at the bus stop approximately 15 minutes before their scheduled bus arrival. To ensure the safety of students, especially young students who are new bus riders, drivers will go through additional procedures before releasing students at their bus stops. This means that many buses may run behind schedule the first few days, especially on the afternoon routes.

Number to call if child doesn't get off bus-- If, for some reason, a child does not get off his or her bus at the scheduled bus stop, parents or guardians should call Transportation at 770-338-4800.

Number to call regarding Special Education transportation questions and services-- 770-513-6881.

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Bus route and bus stop information-- Local schools provide bus schedules with route and stop information.

Transportation *alternate address form* needed for service to other addresses

All students will be picked up and dropped off at the bus stop serving their home address. Exceptions are those students who have a documented disability that requires a change, or those who have an “*Alternative Address Form*” on file. These forms identify alternate pickup and/or delivery (within the attending school zone) at an address designated by parents for childcare purposes. For questions on the alternate address form, call 678-226-7036.