

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **GCPS Transportation: School buses to hit the road soon**

### **Fast facts about GCPS transportation services**

*The following estimates for the new school year are based on 2004-05 figures . . .*

- Operates 1,409 school buses
- Runs 6,700 routes per day
- Makes 70,000 stops per day
- Drives 116,000 miles per day (more than 26 round trips to Los Angeles per day)
- Drives 21 million miles per year
- Transports more than 104,000 students twice a day.

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

The week of Aug. 1-5, 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. 2, through Friday, Aug. 5. Parents should note that the practice runs on **Thursday, Aug. 4**, 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**

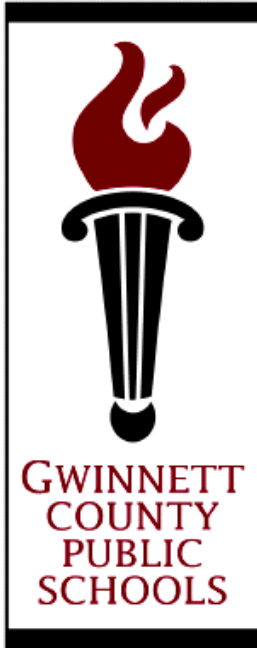
On the first few days of school, school officials recommend that parents have students at the bus stop approximately 15 minutes before their scheduled bus arrival. To ensure the safety of students, especially young students who are new bus riders, drivers will go through additional procedures before 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.

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

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**Transportation registration card 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 Transportation Registration" 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 transportation registration card, call 770-513-6855, ext. 226

**GCPS School Nutrition Program: What's cooking?**

**Fast facts about school nutrition in Gwinnett schools:**

**This year . . .**

- 98 cafeterias will offer breakfast daily.
- 102 school cafeterias will serve lunch each day.

**Last year . . .**

- GCPS served 17,172,867 lunches and 5,091,258 breakfasts.

**2005-06 school meal prices hold steady**

**Lunch**

ES Student Lunch	\$1.50
MS/HS Student Lunch	\$1.75
Student Combo Lunch	\$2.50
Student Lunch (Reduced)	\$ .40
Adult Lunch	\$2.25
Adult Combo Lunch	\$3.00

**Breakfast**

Student Breakfast	\$1.00
Student Breakfast (Reduced)	\$ .30
Adult Breakfast	\$1.25

**Favorite foods in Gwinnett schools**

*Based on cases of food ordered in 2004-05...*

- **Favorite entrees:** Pizza, Chicken Breast Nuggets, Breaded Chicken Patty, Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and Tacos
- **Favorite fruits:** Peaches, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce
- **Favorite vegetables:** Potatoes, Yellow Corn, Green Beans
- **Favorite bread/dessert:** Soft Pretzels, Cookies
- **Number of cartons of milk purchased:** 17,670,000 half pints of milk
- **Number of bottles of water purchased:** 1.56 million bottles of water