



Dear Parents / Guardians:

We hope that you are staying safe and healthy and enjoying your summer. We are busy planning a safe and smooth first day of the 2023 -2024 school year.

We understand that transportation plays a major role in the educational experience of all students; therefore, for the 2023-2024 school year, LEARN is pleased to inform you that transportation will again be provided to magnet school students whose districts currently do not provide this service.

LEARN utilizes outside contractors for student transportation and we want this experience to be safe and positive. You may contact Michelle Altmannsberger at M&J Bus Company directly for questions about buses running late or bus stop questions. She can be reached at 860-388-6782 or maltmannsberger@mjbusinc.com . You may also contact your child's school for any other questions.

Enclosed you will find updated transportation guidelines. You will also find several bus routes. Please review them very carefully to determine the pick-up / drop-off stop that is convenient for you. Once you have determined the best hub, please email your school bus contact (MSMHS: Bonnie MacHaffie bmachaffie@learn.k12.ct.us, RMMS: Yelena Bergman ybergman@learn.k12.ct.us, TRMC: Sarah Slocum sslocum@learn.k12.ct.us with the following information:

Student Name

Pick Up (P/U) & Drop Off (D/O) location

Looking forward to a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Ryan P. Donlon, Ed.D.
Associate Executive Director



Have students waiting
5-10 minutes prior to
pick-up- bus is not
required to wait past
scheduled pick-up time

BUS 1
AM RUN

P/U 6:10 @ Big Lots Parking Lot, 42 Town St., Norwich (to include Thompson, Lebanon, Chaplin, Colchester, Hampton, Plainfield, Franklin & Bozrah students for MSMHS & TRMC)

P/U 6:20 @ Wal-Mart, Norwich (to include Thompson, Lebanon, Chaplin, Colchester, Hampton, Plainfield, Franklin & Bozrah students for MSMHS & TRMC)

P/U 6:40 @ Walgreens parking lot, Uncasville (Montville students to MSMHS & TRMC)

D/O 7:05@MSMHS

(Students will transfer to Bus 3 en route to TRMC)

P/U 7:25 @ Exit 92/Movie Theater (No.Stonington students to RMMS)

P/U 7:55 @ Shoprite Parking Lot, Norwich

P/U 8:10 @ Walgreens, Uncasville to include Thompson, Lebanon, Chaplin, Colchester, Hampton, Plainfield, Franklin & Bozrah students for RMMS)

P/U 8:20 @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

D/O 8:25 @ RMMS

BUS 1
PM RUN

P/U 1:45 @ MSMHS

(Students will transfer from Bus 3 from TRMC)

D/O 2:30 @ Big Lots Parking Lot, Norwich

D/O 2:40 @ Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Norwich

D/O 2:55 @ Walgreen's Parking Lot, Uncasville

P/U 3:15 @ RMMS

D/O 3:35 @ Exit 92/Movie Theater

D/O 4:05 @ Shoprite Parking Lot, Norwich

D/O 4:20 @ Walgreen's Parking Lot, Uncasville

D/O 4:30 @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



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BUS 2
AM RUN

- P/U 6:10 @ Our Lady of Lakes Church (east side of parking lot), 752 Norwich Salem Tpke, Oakdale** (to include Salem, Colchester & Oakdale students to MSMHS & TRMC)
- P/U 6:35 @ Wal-Mart, 155 Waterford Pkwy North, top of parking lot** (Waterford students to MSMHS & TRMC)

D/O 7:05 @ MSMHS

(Students will transfer to BUS 3 en route to TRMC)

- P/U 7:30 @ Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Norwich**
- P/U 7:40 @ Our Lady of Lakes Church (east side of parking lot), 752 Norwich Salem Tpke, Oakdale** (to include Colchester, Norwich & Salem students to RMMS)
- P/U 8:05 @ Wal-Mart, Waterford** (Waterford students to RMMS)
- P/U 8:15 @ Ocean State Job Lot, Waterford** (Waterford students to RMMS)

D/O 8:25 @ RMMS

BUS 2
PM RUN

(Students will transfer from Bus 3 from TRMC)

P/U 1:45 @ MSMHS

D/O 2:25 @ Wal-Mart, top of parking lot, Waterford

D/O 2:45 @ Our Lady of Lakes Church (east side of parking lot)

P/U 3:15 @ RMMS

D/O 3:25 @ Ocean State Job Lot, Waterford

D/O 3:40 @ Wal-Mart, top of parking lot, Waterford

D/O 3:55 @ Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Norwich

D/O 4:05 @ Our Lady of Lakes Church (east side of parking lot)



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scheduled pick-up time

BUS 3
AM RUN

P/U 6:10 @ Ocean State Job Lot, Waterford (Waterford students for MSMHS @ TRMC)
P/U 6:35 @ Exit 92, Movie Theater (Stonington & No. Stonington students to MSMHS)

D/O 7:05 @ MSMHS

(Students will transfer to BUS #1 and #2 en route to TRMC)

D/O 7:30 TRMC

P/U 7:40 @ Pequot Commuter Lot, 76 Laurel Hill Avenue (to include Thompson, Lebanon, Chaplin, Colchester, Hampton, Plainfield, Franklin & Bozrah students RMMS)
P/U 7:50 @ Family Dollar, Norwich (Montville students to RMMS)
P/U 8:00 @ Big Lots Parking Lot, Norwich

D/O 8:25 @ RMMS

BUS3
PM RUN

P/U 1:45 @ TRMC (Groton Students will get on to go to MSMHS)
P/U 1:45 @ MSMHS

(Students will transfer from BUS #1 & #3 from TRMC)

D/O 2:30 @ Exit 92, Movie Theater, No. Stonington
D/O 2:55 @ Ocean State Job Lot, Waterford

P/U 3:15 @ RMMS

D/O 3:40 @ Pequot Commuter Lot, 76 Laurel Hill Avenue
D/O 3:55 @ Family Dollar, Norwich
D/O 4:05 @ Big Lots Parking Lot, Norwich

M&J BUS-

P/U 6:30 @ Bowerbird, 46 Halls Rd., Old Lyme to MSMHS

LEARN Transportation Guidelines

Under current magnet school law, transportation to a LEARN Magnet School is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) or of the home school district if it chooses to provide transportation. Students or parents should contact their local superintendent's office to obtain information on transportation procedures.

1. All Kindergarten students must be met by a parent or a designated person (over the age of 18), on the students emergency card to be released at his/her bus. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Students should remain in vehicles with parents until bus arrives, and for safety reasons, parents are being asked to wait for the bus to depart before they leave.
3. Students must be on time; buses cannot wait for those who are late.
4. Before boarding the bus, students must keep a safe distance from it while it is in motion.
5. Students should practice social distancing while waiting for the bus and boarding the bus.
6. All students will be required to wear a face mask when getting on the bus, and all students will be required to wear the face mask the entire ride.
7. Students must obey the driver and be courteous. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students.
8. Students will enter the bus and go to the rear of the bus to load and work towards the front of the bus. When dropping off at schools or at stops, students will depart starting from the front of the bus and work back.
9. When on the bus, they must remain seated, and cannot change seats at any time.
10. Students must keep out of the driver's seat.
11. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited while the bus is in motion.
12. Talking should be at normal conversation tones.
13. Students may not extend head or arms out of the windows.
14. Students must not call out to passers-by.
15. Students may not leave the bus except at their regular designated bus stop or school, unless prior written approval is secured from the Magnet School Administration.
16. Students should help to keep the bus clean, sanitary, and orderly. They must not damage or abuse equipment.
17. Students are not permitted to smoke while on the bus. No eating or drinking on vehicles unless prior approval is obtained.
18. Students must not use profanity.
19. Students must not throw articles of any kind in, out, or around the bus.

20. Students are to conduct themselves while on the bus in such a way that it will not distract the driver from his/her job of driving.
21. Student cooperation is mandated during Emergency Evacuation Drills.

Riding the school bus is both a right and a privilege. A student who does not respect the rights of others and endangers his life and the lives of others will be suspended from riding.

For **major** discipline infractions or transportation safety (those that could result in physical harm to passengers or drivers or destruction of property, i.e., smoking, striking matches, improper opening of doors, throwing objects, fighting, etc.), bus riding privileges will be suspended on the first offense; charges for damages will be made and legal proceedings may be initiated. Second offenders face expulsion of bus privileges.

For **minor** discipline infractions (those not resulting in physical harm or destruction of property, i.e., failure to take seats or stay seated, loud noises, littering, etc.), pupils will be referred to the principal for appropriate disciplinary action.