

## North Olmsted City Schools Transportation Department

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### Frequently Asked Questions

*Our routing program, is a widely used and trusted pupil management program that calculates the distance from the student's home address to their school of residence. Students, grades K-8 who live 1 mile or more from their school will be eligible for transportation.*

*If your student **will not** require AM or PM transportation for the year, please notify us, as this helps our routes run more efficiently and saves resources.*

**1. When will we find out where the bus stop is and the times the buses will pick up and drop off?**

Bus Information for the 2019-2020 school year will be available at [www.northolmstedcityschools.org](http://www.northolmstedcityschools.org)  
Routes will be published on August 19, 2019. No information will be available before then.

**2. Is my student permitted to wait in the house, garage or my car for the bus?**

No, the Ohio Department of Education requires that the children be at the stop, **before** the bus arrives.

For your child's protection, as the bus driver approaches the bus stop, they count the children that are waiting. They count them again as they board the bus. They do this to make sure they have accounted for all of the students. Students running for the bus create a very unsafe situation for themselves and traffic. Please make sure your students are at their stop, 5 minutes before the bus arrives.

**3. Can my student go home with another student or get off at their stop?**

No, they cannot. Students are only permitted to go from home to school or to a day care as long as a Variance form has been signed by the daycare, approved by us first, and there is space available on the bus. Buses fill up very quickly for daycares and variances are granted on a first come, first served basis. Variances may take up to 3 days to process.

**4. How many students are permitted on the bus?**

It varies, depending on the size of the bus. Full sized buses can accommodate 62 to 72 passengers.

**5. How far can a bus stop be from my house?**

According to the state of Ohio, your child's bus stop can be up to ½ mile from your home. Parents are encouraged to walk their children to and from the stops.

**6. Are sidewalks required for my child to walk to and from their stop?**

Many students walk along roadways where sidewalks do not exist. While we understand this is concerning to parents, the Ohio Department of Education does not state that sidewalks must be present. Again, we encourage parent to walk to and from the stop with their children.

**7. Variance Forms** are available at [www.NorthOlmstedCitySchools.org](http://www.NorthOlmstedCitySchools.org) under the Transportation link

And also at the Daycares. **It is necessary to fill out a variance form in its entirety if you want your child dropped off or picked up at location other than home or school. Variances must be for five days.** Your child will not be permitted to go to daycares on some days and at home others. There is no exception to this rule. Because we transport so many children twice a day, it is vital that we adhere to this rule.