North Olmsted City Schools Transportation Department 27463 Butternut Ridge Road North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 440-779-3579

Frequently Asked Questions

Students, grades K-8 who live 1 mile or more away from their school will be eligible for transportation.

Our routing program, is a widely used & trusted pupil management program that calculates the student's walking distance from the student's home address to their school of residence. Not driving miles (Google Maps)

1. When will we find out where the bus stop is and the time the bus will pick up & drop off

Bussing information for the 2017-18 school year, will be available at www.northolmstedcityschools.org on August 18th. Please do not call the Transportation Department before then, as no information will be available yet.

2. How many students are permitted on a bus?

It varies depending on the size of the bus. Full size buses can accommodate 65 to 72 passengers

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

No, they cannot. Students can only go from school to home or to a day care, as long as a Variance form has been signed by the daycare and approved by us first, and there is room on the bus. Transportation for variances is on a first come, first served basis and take as long as 3 days to process.

4. How far away can a bus stop be from my home?

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

5. 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 that this is concerning to parents, the Ohio Department of Education does not state that sidewalks must be present. Again, we encourage parents to walk to and from the stop with their children.

6. Is my student permitted to wait in the house or in my car for the bus?

The Ohio Department of Education requires that the children be at the bus stop before the bus arrives. For your children's protection the bus drivers count the students as they approach the bus stop and again as they enter the bus. They do this to make sure that they have accounted for all of the students Student's running for buses creates a very unsafe situation for themselves and traffic.