

Greetings,

On behalf of the Madison City Schools' Transportation Department, I would like to welcome you to our website, and let you know that it is an honor to serve you. Our team of transportation professionals is committed to providing your children with safe, courteous, and efficient transportation. We do this by ensuring that drivers are well trained, buses are maintained at the highest standards and routes are efficiently managed.

I would like to call your attention to some changes that could affect your neighborhood in the upcoming school year. We are going to reduce the number of stops on some routes to keep buses on schedule. Why is this being done? Our district is experiencing continued growth, and we've had to add routes to pick up more kids. In the past we had some flexibility that allowed us to make more stops along routes, but going forward, we will be making fewer of them. You can be assured that Madison City Schools will follow the state recommended guideline of 2/10 of a mile between stops. For some kids, that will mean a slightly longer walk to the bus stop in their neighborhood. It simply is not possible to accommodate curbside pickup at all the places people ask for it.

Please take a few moments before school starts to learn where your child's designated stop will be from the **Bus Routes** link located on our website. We ask that you partner with us and get your child to the designated bus stop 5 minutes earlier than the posted pickup time. It might be helpful to take a practice walk or drive with your child to the bus stop so you'll have the timing down. Keep in mind that parents/guardians are responsible for getting children safely to and from the bus stops. Students become the responsibility of the school system once they get on the bus.

With your help, I know we can continue to provide your children with the safest mode of transportation available to and from school.

See you at the bus stop!



Roosevelt Carter, Jr.