



FAST FACTS

Every school day, almost 900 Duval County school buses:

- Transport approximately 50,000 students
- Serve an area of approximately 840 square miles
- Travel over 9 million miles annually

It's a big job, but our mission is to offer safe, reliable and efficient transportation to the education community served by the Duval County district. Transporting magnet students is an important part of this equation, and we hope this brochure gives you the basic facts you want and need to know.

So sit back and leave the driving to us — but help us ensure that your magnet student receives the very best possible attention. Look over the information inside, and if you have any questions, contact your magnet school's designated Bus Coordinator who will be your primary contact for information about student transportation needs.

Every magnet school has a designated Bus Coordinator. You may fill in the information below and keep it for future reference:

Magnet School: _____

Bus Coordinator: _____

Phone Number: _____

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Make sure students are at their assigned bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled pick-up.
- If your address and phone number need to be updated, call the current school to officially make the change in the student information database.
- Magnet bus routes are typically greater distance than neighborhood routes and require longer transportation times.
- Some magnet students are transported to a site (hub) where they transfer to a shuttle bus that takes them directly to the magnet school.
- The monitoring and adjustment process of bus routes is a continual activity throughout the school year. Pick-up times may be adjusted to offer the quickest and most efficient bus ride for students. To minimize this adjustment, routes cannot be adjusted for students who move during the school year. Students, however, may use existing stops.
- Please note that students who don't adhere to the riding guidelines as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action, including suspension of riding privileges.
- It is important for secondary magnet student parents to realize that Express Routes have limited service as compared to neighborhood school routes. Not all students can be expected to walk to and from Express Route stops and arrangements for transporting students to and from bus stops should be made if applicable.
- Parents/guardians may view existing routes at www.duvalschools.org. A Magnet Bus Stop Application can be submitted to the Transportation Department. Stops will be added according to guidelines, and applying does not guarantee a stop request will be granted.

TRANSPORTATION DISCLAIMER

Duval County Public Schools continues to review its entire transportation system in order to improve efficiency and to reduce costs. It is possible that the level of service provided to students in 2010-2011 may change for 2011-2012. When considering school choice options, parents should be aware of possible changes to the transportation system.



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Magnet Transportation And You



Duval County Public Schools Transportation Department
(904) 858-6200

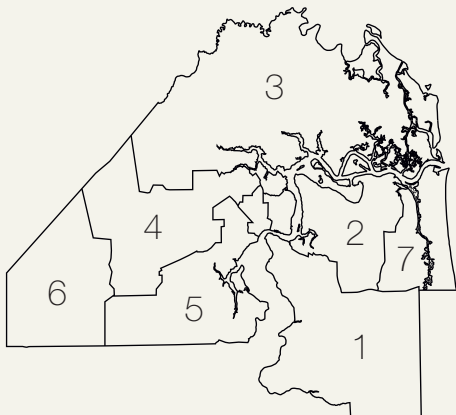
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR



WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible, students must apply to a magnet school by the **February 28, 2011** magnet application deadline.

Elementary schools are divided into seven transportation zones. Except for the new Dreams Begin Here: The Next Generation Magnet Schools, transportation is provided to any elementary student living in the same zone that their magnet school is located. Also, some elementary magnet schools provide transportation to students living outside their zones.



Middle Schools are divided into two major transportation zones:

- **Zone A** – Arlington, Fletcher, Gilbert, North Shore, Kernan, Landmark, Mayport, Ribault, Southside, Twin Lakes
- **Zone B** – Baldwin, Butler, Jeff Davis, DuPont, Highlands, Mandarin, Northwestern, Oceanway, Paxon, Stilwell, Stuart, and Westview

Transportation is provided to middle school magnet students on Express Routes as follows to:

- Darnell-Cookman – from Zone A and Zone B
- James Weldon Johnson – from Zone A and Zone B*
- Julia Landon – from Zone A and Zone B
- Fort Caroline – from Zone A
- Lake Shore – from Zone B
- Paxon Middle – from Zone A and Zone B*
- Kirby-Smith – from Zone A and Zone B
- LaVilla – from Zone A and Zone B
- Highlands – from Zone A and Zone B
- Matthew Gilbert – from Zone A and Zone B

John E. Ford K-8 and **North Shore K-8** – middle school students are transported according to the elementary zones for these two schools

The **Coastal Transportation Plan** provides limited service to Mayport Middle School via existing non-neighborhood Express Routes from the Gilbert, Northwestern and Ribault attendance areas and shuttle buses from Fletcher High School, Sandalwood High School, and Terry Parker High School. Parents are responsible for getting their students to and from the shuttle sites.

The **Dreams Begin Here: The Next Generation Transportation Pattern** provides transportation as follows to:

- **Southside** – from Gilbert and North Shore attendance areas
- **Ribault** – from Arlington, Fletcher, Kernan, Landmark, Twin Lakes attendance areas

High schools are not divided into zones. County-wide transportation is provided with a combination of neighborhood routes, shuttles and Express Routes.

*James Weldon Johnson is planned to move to the Paxon Middle School site and Paxon Middle School is planned to move to the Butler Middle School site for 2011-2012 school year, upon approval by the Duval County School Board. Refer to the disclaimer in the Reference Guide, A Catalog of School Choice Programs.

Elementary School Students

For elementary students, the distance to a bus stop can be up to one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the residence, or up to two (2) miles if the neighborhood school is used as a bus stop. Some students will transfer at a hub site (another school) and ride another bus to their magnet school. The afternoon service will be the reverse.

Middle and High School Students

Express Routes have limited bus stops that are located at or near a Duval County Public School or other public locations selected by the Transportation Department. The District distance-to-stop policy does not apply to Express Routes, which means that the closest stop can be more than one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the residence. In some cases the stop can be several miles away. **Parents or guardians are responsible for getting students to and from bus stops.** Refer to the magnet catalog for differences in the transportation system that apply to specific schools.



If you need further help, you can call the Duval County Public Schools Transportation Department at (904) 858-6200. Additionally, the bus contractor's phone number is printed on the side of every bus. They can not add stops, but they may be of assistance to you in verifying times.