

TRANSPORTATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child's bus is crowded. How will this be corrected?

Ellsworth Community School District's fleet utilizes 65 and 72 passenger buses, which means that seating is three to a seat. We appreciated that this may feel crowded; however, it is not a situation which would necessitate correction.

My child had a problem on the bus and/or left an item on the bus. What can I do?

The Transportation Director/Bus Garage can be reached at 715-273-3917.

Can my child have a friend ride to school or home with him/her?

Due to our number of students, we do not allow students to bring friends for parties, scouts, homework/study, sleepovers, etc. It is the responsibility of the parents to coordinate transportation arrangements in these circumstances.

Why does my child have to walk to a group stop or an intersection?

There are approximately 1,500 students that are registered to ride the bus. Each stop takes at least 30 seconds; efficiency requires limiting routes for minimum time and distance.

If my child is absent from school, do I need to notify someone about transportation?

If your child is the only one at a bus stop, a call or email would be greatly appreciated. We can be reached at 715-273-3917 or chisholmm@ellsworth.k12.wi.us.

I need to pick up my student at the end of the day or make a route change. Should I call someone?

Call the school that your student attends no later than 2:00pm to notify the office of the change. Later calls or emails run the risk of not being communicated to the teacher or the student. Last-minute changes at the end of the day may not be accommodated as it is difficult to make unexpected schedule changes with the amount of students being transported each day; however, we will try to help out in an emergency, as much as possible.

Do I need to have someone present for young children getting off the bus?

Especially for our 4yk students the driver must see a parent/guardian/responsible adult present. If the bus driver is not able to ascertain whether an adult is present, the student will not be let off the bus. The student will be brought back to Panther's Kids Club at the Elementary School to be picked up if no one is available at the residence.

Do my kids need to be at the bus stop earlier than the scheduled pick up time?

Stop times are subject to change for various reasons. A late student running to the bus stop is not a safe situation. The bus driver may not see the student running to the bus and the student may get hit by another vehicle or the bus as they approach and/or cross the street. We suggest having students ready 5-10 minutes before the scheduled time (10-15 minutes as we implement the new routes Jan. 2018)