



## **Transportation Information**

The Council Bluffs Community School District is proud to partner with First Student to provide transportation for students to and from school and to school activities.

### **Who is eligible for automatic busing?**

To be eligible for automatic and free transportation to and from school, **elementary and junior high students must live two miles or more from school**, and high school students must live three miles or more from school. The two or three mile limit is defined as being “from a point at the edge of the street nearest the front door of the residence measured to a point at the edge of the driveway nearest the front door of the school by the nearest and safest route.”

A student may need to go to a school bus stop to meet the bus, but would not be asked to go farther than 3/4ths of a mile from home to the bus stop.

### **Space Available Busing as an Option**

Students who live closer to school than the two or three mile distance may sign up for space available busing. Sign up sheets will be provided at the school office for junior high students living 1.25 miles from school and senior high students living 2.00 miles from school. Empty seats on existing school buses will be made available to requesting students with priority given to those living farthest from school. It will take approximately one week after school starts to determine the number of available seats on each bus. If a parent wishes to purchase a space available pass, a \$72.00 fee will be charged each quarter; however those students who qualify for free lunches will receive a fee waiver upon request, and students qualifying for reduced lunches will only pay \$14.40 per quarter.

### **Special Considerations**

Hardship situations may exist where students need to be transported from/to an alternate address within the school's attendance area. Examples of this may be when parents' working hours are such that the student routinely must sleep at a relative's or care provider's residence or when the student is on an IEP (Individual Education Program) and is in need of adult supervision immediately before/after school. A letter of request for a “hardship exception,” must be submitted to and approved by the appropriate principal and the Supervisor of Transportation before transportation will be provided.

A parent may request transportation of his/her student(s) from an address other than the home address. Students may be granted transportation privileges only after all eligible riders, space available students and hardship students have been provided services. In such cases the customary space available fee will be assessed with no free or reduced fee waivers permitted.

### **After-School Activities Buses**

After school activities buses will be provided for combined Woodrow Wilson/Thomas Jefferson and Kirn/Abraham Lincoln routes. Students with bus passes are eligible to ride these buses to their normal bus stops. The activities buses run Monday-Friday and leave the junior high schools at 4:15 pm. and the high schools at 4:25 pm. These times may be subject to change by the request of the building principals.

If you should have any questions regarding student transportation please contact Mike Bell, Supervisor of Transportation at 328-6411.