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Families,

HRCE's Student Transportation team has been busy preparing for your child's journey to and from school. Here are a few things we would like you to know about student transportation before school begins.

### **Student Busing Information**

You can look up your child's busing information through [BusPlanner Parent Portal](#). You will receive emails notifying you of changes to their busing. You can also sign up to receive text message alerts. To learn how, visit our [website](#) and click on **How do I subscribe to notifications about my child's bus?**

Please ensure you review your child's busing information before the first day of school in case changes to their busing have been made.

### **Need to change your alternate address?**

If you would like to add or update your alternate address (e.g., daycare or after-school program), please contact the HRCE Student Transportation team directly year-round by calling 902-431-4723 or emailing [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca).

### **Safety for Our Youngest Riders**

Parents/guardians (or designate) are responsible for accompanying **Pre-Primary to Grade 2** children to the bus stop, supervising them until safely boarded, and greeting their child at the stop at the end of the day. If a parent/guardian (or designate) is not at the stop to meet their child, you will be contacted. The bus driver will take the child back to their school where they will be supervised until you arrive to pick them up from the school.




Our Purple Tag Program helps school staff and bus drivers identify children in Pre-Primary to Grade 2 to ensure they are not left alone at a stop and receive the assistance they may need. If your child is entering Grade 3 this school year, please remove their purple tag if it is still attached to their backpack. For more information, watch a short introductory [video](#) and/or visit our [website](#) and click on **Purple Tag Program**.

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For our riders who require a seat belt (if they are less than 40 pounds and less than 57 inches tall, and if a seat belt is available), watch this short [video](#).

### **Accessible Busing**

Parents/guardians (or designate) with a child assigned to accessible transportation must accompany them (regardless of age) to the bus in the morning and meet them at the bus in the afternoon. There will be a person assigned to each accessible bus to help with seat belts and securing children safely. Children on accessible transportation do not need a purple tag.

### **Important Reminders**

Please ensure your child arrives at the bus stop at least **10 minutes early during the first month of school**. Once we have settled into our new routines, riders may arrive at their stop a minimum of five minutes before pick-up time. We appreciate your patience as we start this new school year.

Be sure to review school bus safety with your child before the first day of school! More information can be found on our [website](#).

We wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and successful school year. As always, our team is here to answer your questions at 902-431-4723 or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca).

Sincerely,  
HRCE Student Transportation Team

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