

July 21, 2022

Families,

We are excited to have your child join us this September! We know that starting a new school is a big step for children (and their families), so we want to ensure you have the information you need about busing in advance.

### **How and when can I check my child's busing information?**

Families can view their child's transportation information, and receive email notifications about routing changes or bus cancellations/delays, through an online BusPlanner Parent Portal account. You will receive an email to activate the Parent Portal and review your child's bus information by the end of July.

### **Important**

During the summer from **July 1 to August 24, 2022**, families can change their primary/residential address information online by [clicking here](#) or visiting our [Student Registration page](#). As of **August 25, 2022**, families must contact their child's school to make changes to their information on file.

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

Please note that changes to address information on file may affect bus routing and eligibility.

### **What do families need to know about busing in September?**

We all have a role to play in ensuring students get to and from school safely.

### **Applicable to families with children in Pre-Primary to Grade 2:**

Parents/guardians or a designate are responsible for:

- Accompanying Pre-Primary to Grade 2 children to the bus stop a minimum of five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time, supervising them until safely boarded, and greeting the child at the stop at the end of the day.
  - If a parent/guardian or designate is not at the stop to meet the child, families will be contacted and the child will be returned to the school for pick-up after the bus run is complete.
- Buckling and unbuckling their child from their seat at their home stop (if child is less than 40 pounds and 57 inches in height), if a seatbelt is available. Bus drivers cannot leave their seats. School staff will unbuckle and buckle children at the school.

**Register Today for the *First Ride* Program!**

Our service providers will host one-hour workshops this summer to educate children about school bus safety on and around the vehicle. Families should register as soon as possible, as limited spots are available!

Families can choose either a **2 p.m.**, **4 p.m.** or **6 p.m.** workshop start time for any of the following dates:

<b>2022 Dates</b>	<b>First Ride Program Locations</b>
August 15	<a href="#">Auburn Drive High</a>
August 17	<a href="#">Lockview High</a>
August 18	<a href="#">Halifax West High</a>
August 22	<a href="#">Dartmouth High</a>
August 23	<a href="#">Special Needs Workshop at HRCE Central Office</a>
August 24	<a href="#">Bay View High</a>
August 25	<a href="#">Rocky Lake Junior High</a>

Please contact us to reserve your preferred date/location at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or by calling 902-431-4723.

Our Student Transportation Team is available year-round to support families. Updates will also be posted to our website throughout the summer at [hrce.ca/transportation](http://hrce.ca/transportation) .

For more frequently-asked questions about transportation, please [click here](#).

Wishing your family a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

HRCE Student Transportation Team