

July 14, 2022

Families,

We are excited to have your child join us this September for Grade Primary! We know that starting school is a giant step for little ones (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 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.

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:

2022 Dates	First Ride Program Locations
August 15	Auburn Drive High
August 17	Lockview High
August 18	Halifax West High
August 22	Dartmouth High
August 23	Special Needs Workshop at HRCE Central Office
August 24	Bay View High
August 25	Rocky Lake Junior High

Please contact us to reserve your preferred date/location at 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 .

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

Wishing your family a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

HRCE Student Transportation Team