

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN **CORNER BUS STOP**

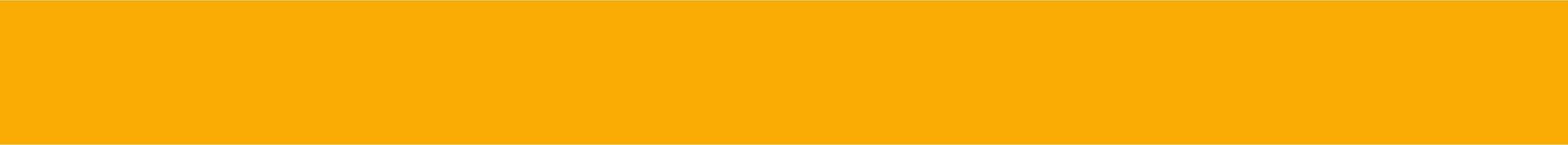


In 2022-2023, we were awarded Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) that enables us to offer preschool to families at no cost. With these funds, we're expected to add students every year until we reach roughly 500. With that goal, we will have to add many more buses to accommodate the additional students.



Since our district uses private bus contractors to transport our students, we will depend on them to assist us. However, the current bus driver shortage in this country doesn't always guarantee they will be able to provide enough buses to meet our transportation needs.





A bus route has a lot of outside forces that can determine if the bus runs on time. Factors such as traffic, detours, weather, student behavior, and dismissal delays all contribute to a bus route being on time. Most of the items listed above are out of a manager's or driver's control.



Benefits of corner bus stops

- Shorter bus routes
- Students may leave for school later and come home earlier
- Efficiency - more students on a bus means fewer buses needed overall. With bus routes costing anywhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per route, the fiscal health of the district benefits as well

How do corner stops affect parents?



We will do our best to make sure corner stops are convenient to parents' addresses. We expect parents will walk Pre-K students and Kindergartners to and from the stop. Our drivers will not let students exit a bus without an approved parent/guardian there to receive the student.



Related items regarding this change

- All preschoolers will have seatbelts on the bus and bus aides to assist with buckling their belts and any other needs that may arise.
- If a student has an IEP that includes special transportation requiring curb-to-curb transportation, this supersedes this corner-stop policy.
- A street with only one student will still be assigned a corner stop instead of a house stop. Bus stops with multiple students (especially those around the same age) encourage more social interaction with other students in the neighborhood.