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Vision

Achievement and
Performance for...
Every child
Every classroom
Every school

Mission

Our Mission is to provide
a high quality education
for all Bibb County
students in a safe and
comfortable environment,
and to make use of all
human and technological
resources in preparing
graduates for post-high
school objectives.

Strategic Objectives

- Highly qualified workforce
- Positive culture and climate
- Communication and Information
- Student Achievement

Out-of-Zone Transportation No Longer Provided For Students Using Voluntary Transfers

On June 17, the Board of Education approved the reduction of transportation services to students who are in the district's magnet programs, excluding the Hutchings Career Center. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, students under a voluntary transfer – including magnet students – will not receive transportation to and from school.

For the past two years, the Department of Transportation has been reviewing its operations to find ways to improve services to students. Based on concerns voiced by internal and external stakeholders regarding late arrival times at school & home, empty or overcrowded buses, and lengthy ride times, a needs assessment was conducted. This consisted of surveying principals for their concerns, studying ridership by school & program, reviewing department resources, and analyzing vehicle utilization.

Each day, the district transports approximately 11,000 students to and from school. For those students, the state only funds 105 routes; however, due to school choice, we are operating 137 routes. Our needs assessment determined that half of our bus routes are serving almost 90% of our ridership, leading to:

- delays in students arriving at school in the morning
 - 18 minutes late for in zone and 21 minutes late for special education
 - affects 1,110 in zone and 74 of special education students
- delays in students being picked up in the afternoon
 - 33 minutes late for in zone and 20 minutes late for special education
 - affects 2,389 in zone and 372 of our special education riders
- excessive ride times, especially for special education students
- average of 10.26 additional students on each in zone route
- average of 45.6 fewer students than capacity on magnet school routes

These delays in the start of school and the late pickup have an impact on a child's academic day, and it is our goal to deliver and pick up students to and from school on time. For that, the district must effectively maximize the utilization of its present resources. Reallocating these routes will help reduce current shortfalls, reduce the size of the current daily fleet, and allow the district to maintain its transportation department with the current staffing levels.

All students currently enrolled in a magnet program may continue to attend that school, and all students may still apply for transfers in accordance with all applicable Bibb County School District processes and procedures. However, bus service would no longer be an option. The Bibb County School District will continue to provide transportation services for all students attending school in their home zone and will remain in compliance with all State, Federal, and court ordered transfers that require bus service.