

**USD 480**  
**Department of Transportation**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

- Q. Who is eligible to ride the bus?
- A. USD 480 regulations/guidelines are if you reside outside of a set radius, as the crow flies, from your attendance center; or, if you are asked to attend a school outside of your boundary; or, if your child is attending preschool; or, if the child qualifies under “special needs”. Set radius is as follows: K-3<sup>rd</sup> (1) mile, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (1.5) miles. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is (2.5) miles as traveled by bus route. There will be no Kindergarten morning pick up or afternoon drop off.
- Q. How do I request transportation for my child?
- A. Fill out a Bus Rider Application Form and hand it in during enrollment. A determination is made from the information verified on this form.
- Q. Is USD 480 required to bus my child no matter what?
- A. No. If the need exceeds the number of seats available, students who live within the set area to 2 ½ mile radius may be excluded. The Kansas State Board of Education Regulations require busing only outside of the 2 ½ mile radius.
- Q. I live in one school boundary, but have enrolled my child in a school past the set mileage from my home. Can my child ride the bus?
- A. NO. If you choose to send your child to a different school, the District cannot provide transportation.
- Q. If my child qualifies to ride the bus, can I dictate what time they are picked up and dropped off?
- A. No. Due to the complexity of routing several buses and several hundred children, route times are determined after the all rider’s information is entered and may change with little notification.
- Q. Do the buses have video cameras on them?
- A. YES. All buses are equipped with a state of the art DVR/GPS system.
- Q. I have more questions, what do I do?
- A. All eligible riders will receive a BUS RIDERS HANDBOOK during the first few weeks of school. The handbook will contain the answers to the majority of your questions and further contact information if you do have additional questions.

THANK YOU  
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