



Transportation Update

Board of Education
Discussion
February 2025



Safeway

- Responsible for Reg Ed and Special Ed
- Bus Barn in Elk Grove Village
- Transporting Students 1.5 miles or Greater
- Designated Hazardous Crossing



By the Numbers

- **3,686 Students**
- **307 Routes per Day**
- **Up to 2,691 Stops**
- **Up to 2,972.4 miles per Day**
- **FY24 Expense: \$7,542,225**



Average Route Times

- **AM Averages**
 - 33 students per Route
 - 8.2 miles per route
 - 36.6 minutes
- **PM Averages**
 - 36.4 students
 - 7 miles
 - 36 minutes

***Excludes Special Education and Early Learning Routes**



Bus Standards

- Global Positioning System (GPS)
- Cameras
- Child Check Alarm
- Radio



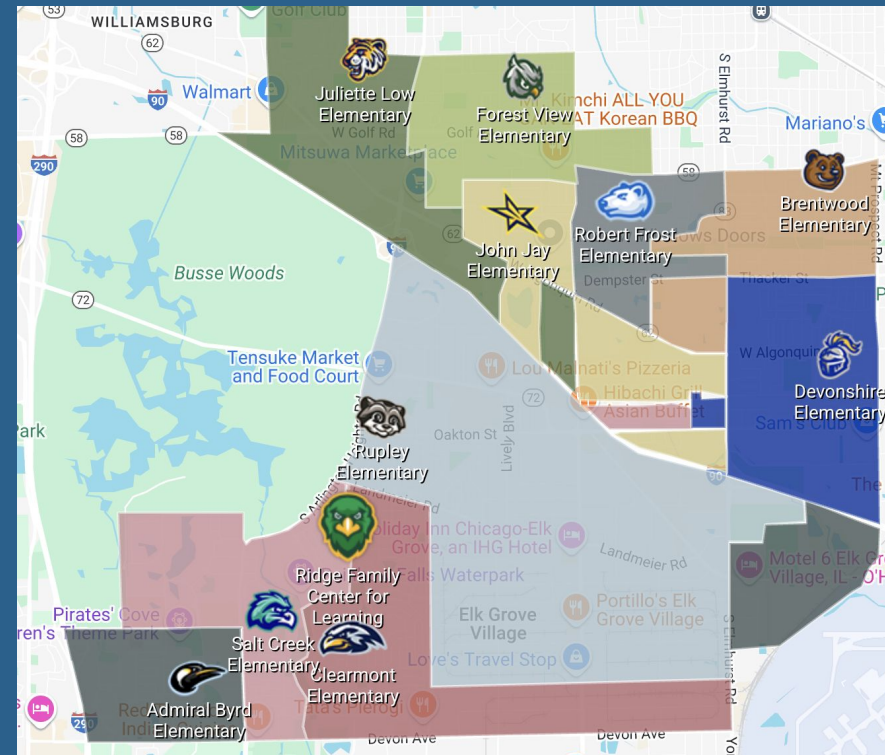
Driver Hiring Process

- **Commercial Driver's License (CDL)**
- **15 hours Behind the Wheel**
- **3 Day Class**
- **Fingerprinting**
- **Full criminal background check (1 to 2 weeks)**
- **Physical**
- **Learning the Assigned Route**



Factors Into Transportation

- Number of Routes
- Programmatic Boundaries
- Number of Riders
- Availability of Drivers
- Availability of Bus



Communication Process

- Routes 10 Minutes Late or Longer are Communicated
- Driver Notifies Safeway
- Safeway Notifies CCSD59
- CCSD59 Notifies Families via School Messenger



Challenges and Solutions

What are Some Challenges?

- **Boundaries**
- **ELC, Dual Language, Choice Programming**
- **Open Enrollment Students**
- **Full Classes Moving to Other Schools**
- **Geographic Structure**
- **Driver Shortage Nationwide**

How are we proactive?

- **Routes Designed to 'Double Up'**
- **Partnership and Priority with Safeway**



Here Comes the Bus Application

Set-Up Steps:

1. Download the app at herecomesthebus.com, Apple, or Google Play.
2. Once downloaded, type in the 30205 to access the student's information
3. The school code will automatically link the student account to the app
4. Set up your preferred notifications

If you have any questions, please contact

<https://help.herecomesthebus.com/en/support/home>



CCSD59 Website

WHOM DO I CALL?

Safeway Transportation Services is the contracted bus provider for CCSD59. They are also utilized for special education routes.

To find out the whereabouts of your student's bus, report your student's absence from a special education bus, or report concerns about a bus or driver, call Safeway at 847-204-8457. For the most direct and immediate help, please contact our transportation department at 847-593-4379.

HERE COMES THE BUS APP

We're pleased to share that CCSD59 has partnered with our bus provider, Safeway Transportation, to provide families with [Here Comes the Bus](#), an interactive application that allows parents or guardians to see where a student's bus is located in real time.

With a smartphone or tablet, notifications can occur when the bus is near or when there has been a schedule change. Set-up details are outlined below, and within the flyer.

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Celebrations

- **Run at 99% On-Time Delivery**
- **Few Doubled Up Routes**
- **Cold Days and Service**

