

FAQ CES Bus Riders 2024-25



Incoming Center for Enriched Studies Students

Can I access the current bus route list for the Center for Enriched Studies?

The 2023-24 Center for Enriched Studies bus routes is currently posted on the school website. Note: The stops and times do not usually change significantly from year to year.

When will the bus routes be posted by MCPS?

This usually happens in mid-August. Note: The list includes stops that ARE NOT for Center for Enriched Studies students.

When will a bus route list be posted on the school website?

The bus routes are reformatted into a chart and posted about a week after the initial list comes out.

What am I looking for on the bus route list?

First, look at the morning stops. Usually, parents choose the stop that is at their child's home school. Make note of that route number. Then look at the afternoon stops. Usually, parents choose to for their child to be dropped off at the home school. It is not required, though.

Does my child have to ride the bus daily?

No. However, it is helpful to the driver to know if your child will only ride once or twice a week (and which days). It is also extremely helpful to the driver for your child to ride the bus during the first week of school so they get to know which children will be using the central stops.

How will the school know which bus(es) I choose?

After the bus routes are posted on the website, a Google Form will be sent to parents who accepted spots in the program. This is how we will gather information about which bus(es) your child will ride. If you change these plans during the year, update the staff in the main office.

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My child will ride the bus. What do I do if a bus driver tells me or my child that their name is “not on their list” and therefore cannot ride the bus.

Note: This issue is usually resolved after the first week of school. Explain to the driver that your child goes to Barnsley’s magnet GT program. “Magnet and GT” are on the route sheet that they carry with them. Students in our DHOH and Twice Exceptional program are required to have the bus transport them. They might be riding the bus your child rides. Their classification is different. That is why the drivers have their names.

I think I am going to accept a spot in the Center for Enriched Studies program. My child has a sibling(s) and I want them to also attend Barnsley. How does this work regarding bus transportation?

1. Accept the spot for your fourth grader using the link that Ms. Robertson provided.
2. During the summer, the incoming fourth grader’s enrollment will be processed.
3. Complete a Change of School Assignment (COSA) form for the sibling(s).
4. If the sibling(s) COSA is approved, contact Barnsley about enrollment.
Inform the Attendance Secretary that you want to enroll the sibling(s) and that you want to request **a sibling ride along**.
5. The request is submitted online by the school.
6. Once staff get a response, they can inform you whether it was approved.

We realize the timing of the steps impacts decision making for families. Please note:

- We cannot request a sibling ride along without the approved COSA.
- In addition, we cannot expedite the response to the sibling ride along request.

Keep in mind. . .

During the first two weeks of school, bus drivers are adapting to their routes, traffic patterns, etc. They may be late getting to a stop (or arrive early). They may be late dropping off. This is usually resolved within the first two weeks.

