



July 25, 2024

Families,

We are excited to have your child join us this September! We know that starting, or returning to, school is a big step for children (and their families), so we want to ensure you have the information you need about busing in advance.

How and when can you check your child's busing information?

You can view your child's transportation information, and receive notifications about service delays or changes to their busing, through an online BusPlanner Parent Portal account. You would have received an email last week with instructions to activate your Parent Portal account. You may [log in now](#) to view your child's 2024-25 transportation information.

What do you need to know about busing in September?

We all have a role to play in ensuring students get to and from school safely.

Parents/guardians or a designate are responsible for:

- Accompanying their children to the bus a minimum of five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time, supervising them until safely boarded, and greeting them at the bus at the end of the day. If a parent/guardian or designate is not at the bus to meet their child, you will be contacted and the child may be returned to the school for pick-up after the bus run is complete.

A bus monitor can assist with buckling and unbuckling children on the bus.

If your child uses mobility equipment such as a walker or wheelchair, extra time may be added when boarding/exiting the bus to ensure their safety and comfort. This will be reflected in BusPlanner Parent Portal if applicable.

Register Today for the First Ride Program!

Our accessible bus provider will host 30-minute workshops this summer to help children learn about school bus safety. Register as soon as possible, as limited spots are available!



2024 Dates	First Ride Workshop Locations
August 13	Woodlawn High
August 20	Halifax West High

Workshops will begin at 3:00 p.m. on both dates. New sessions will start each half hour. The final session will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Each session will begin with a brief discussion about school bus safety. Children will then have an opportunity to go on a short (5 to 10-minute) bus ride.

[Click here](#) to reserve your spot today!

Our Student Transportation team is available year-round to offer support. Please call 902-431-4723 or email transportation@hrce.ca if you have any questions.

For frequently asked questions about transportation, you may [visit our website](#).

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
HRCE Student Transportation Team
