



Independent School District 279 Transportation **MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

This ongoing relationship now provides morning and afternoon bus service to K-12 MCA students who reside within ISD 279 boundaries.

What does this mean to you? If you live in ISD 279, students will be able to participate in the morning and afternoon bus routes.

How will it work? ISD 279 buses will pick up students within a 2-3 block radius of their home. The bus routes start no earlier than 6:30 a.m. Students will access a high school bus route and proceed to one of the following high schools: Maple Grove Senior High, Osseo Senior High, or Park Center Senior High. Students will then transfer to a bus that will arrive at the MCA north campus at approximately 7:35 a.m. Due to ISD 279 afternoon route times, MCA will dismiss grades K-12 students using their transportation services at 2:15 p.m. They will board one of four ISD 279 buses, which will depart MCA at approximately 2:25 p.m. Three of these will proceed to one of the following junior high schools: Maple Grove Junior High, Osseo Junior High, or Brooklyn Junior High. Students will then transfer to a bus that will complete the route and arrive home by approximately 3:45 p.m. The fourth bus, which previously transferred students at Northview Junior High, will drop students off within 2-3 blocks of their home.

What is your cost? There is no out-of-pocket expense to you. Please note, students in Grades K-12, living in ISD 279, are not entitled to a non-public school transportation reimbursement, whether or not ISD 279 transportation is used.

When will I receive the route times and information? ISD 279 will mail the route list and all appropriate information, directly to you, approximately one to two weeks prior to the start of the school year.

How do I participate? You must complete the registration form indicating your desire to use ISD 279 transportation and return it to the MCA student services office. MCA will forward the information to ISD 279. **You do not need to submit this form if you do not choose this option.**

What are the rider guidelines? Student rider guidelines are very similar to MCA bus rules. ISD 279 will mail this information to you with the route schedule.

How is discipline handled and who implements the discipline? The bus driver will fill out a bus referral form to be delivered to the MCA departmental principal within 1-2 days of the incident. The referral will then be handled in accordance with the MCA Parent/Student Manual.

Where will my child sit on the bus? Students may select their own seat. The bus driver can and may impose seating assignments.

Will my child ride with public school students? Yes, MCA students will be riding with public high school students (Grades 10-12) in the morning and with public junior high school students (Grades 7-9) in the afternoon.

For more information, please call our Transportation Director at (763) 488-7900
or send an email to transportation@mca.lwcc.org.