



# Transportation Outlook

2023-2024

# Current Issues

The changes we made for 22-23 have resolved the traffic problems we have on Upper Bellbrook Rd.

By moving to three tier routing we will efficiently utilize the current staff we have as well as shorten the time students are on a bus.

- The Schools are on a three tier schedule but Transportation is still on a two tier route schedule
- We are currently utilizing 22.5 drivers to accomplish 23 two tier route sets daily
- 11 of the 23 routes take more time to complete than the available time between building dismissals
- There is not enough time in the current schedule to load and transport students between the schools.
- Late Arrival at the first school means the subsequent schools run late affecting building staff who must stay later across the district until the building is clear

# Staffing Issues

Let's Break it Down:

Current Driver Count **22.5**

First Student Count **6**

Driver's Not Returning **2**

Total: **14.5**

We need a minimum of **17**  
drivers for the middle tier

- We currently have 6 drivers contracted from First Student
- Two Bellbrook Drivers are not returning for the 23-24 school year
- We need a minimum of 17 drivers to complete the middle tier
- Adding more routes on tier 1 and 3 will reduce route times, less time on the bus = sooner to schools
- Utilizing the current staff across all three tiers will maximize efficiency in route length and time with the current staff while continuing to recruit additional drivers
- Offering three tier routes will entice applicants making our district more competitive to our peer districts

# CURRENT SCHOOL TIMES WE SERVICE:

BMS - 7:30am to 2:30pm (load & leave @ 2:40pm) **15** minutes to deliver students and get to SBE, **35** minutes to get to BHS (2 go to SBE, 8 go to BHS)

GCCC - 7:45am to 2:11pm (load & leave by 2:18pm) holds up every bus at BMS

BHS - 8:15am to 3:15pm (load & leave @ 3:21pm) **19** minutes to deliver students and to BCI (no buses currently needed to do BCI)

SBE- 8:15am to 2:55pm (load & leave 3:05pm) **35** minutes to deliver students and get to BCI (9 go to BCI) 2 buses late every day

BCI- 9:00am to 3:40pm (rolling dismissal allows for load & leave as buses arrive)

NP INC- 8:30am to 3:15pm (bus is late to and from school daily waiting on other buses at load point to deliver riders)

# ADJUSTING THE BELL TIMES BY 10 MINUTES

- Moving to three tier routes will help with the limited amount of time between the schools to load students and deliver them home
- Utilizing all drivers across all routes will result in shorter routes and on time arrivals at the next connecting school
- Adjusting start times by 10 minutes increases the available time to load, leave and get to the next school at dismissal time.

## School Times:

BMS - 7:20am to 2:20pm

Anchor 7:10am/2:30pm

BHS - 8:05am to 3:05pm

Anchor 7:55am/3:12pm

SBE - **8:15am to 2:55pm**

Anchor 8:05am/3:05pm

BCI - 9:00am to 3:40pm

Anchor 8:50am/3:50pm

GCCC - 7:45am to 2:11pm

Anchor 7:35am/2:19pm

NP INC - 8:30am to 3:15pm

Anchor 8:25am/3:20pm

# TRAVEL TIMES FOR 23-24

From BMS to HS we will have 35 minutes to deliver students

From BMS to SBE we will have **25** minutes to deliver students

From HS to BCI we will have **28** minutes to deliver students

From SBE to BCI we will have 35 minutes to deliver students

# Fleet Management

- We are currently running 23 of the 25 typical buses daily and 4 of the 6 Special Needs buses daily
- We are currently running six buses daily that are 15 years old.
- Our District is scheduled to purchase four buses in 2024.
- There is a national backorder of 18 to 24 months to receive a bus ordered today.
- With the back order those six buses will be 16 – 17 years old before we could receive the four we are scheduled to purchase.
- As of June 2023 there will be a \$20,000/unit increase to the purchase price of a bus.
- Our Vendor has 4 buses available for us now.
- Purchasing these four buses will bring the fleet age to 12 years or less.
- Purchasing these four buses now will save the district \$80,000

# Benefits to the District

- Shorter Routes means less time on the bus for students
- This plan utilizes the current staff within the restraint of allowable time between the schools
- Increasing the fleet reduces the average age of the buses on the road while providing more sub buses for daily routes and early out field trips