

CHESHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Subject:

2014-15 Transportation Requests for Use of Available

Seats and/or Alternate Stop on School Buses for

Daycare

Dear Parents:

If your child is eligible for bus transportation according to the Cheshire Board of Education Transportation Policy 3541, a before and after school bus stop is assigned within walking distance from your home.

In addition, this Policy has an "Available Seats" provision, which requires that parents provide a schedule for transportation that will remain constant throughout the entire year. A child may be transported from or to ONE established alternate location within your school district in the Town of Cheshire other than their home bus stop for the purposes of day care, a community program, the student's workplace or another location when the student or parent suffers unique or hardship circumstances. Transportation to and from the established alternate location must be at least two (2) set days per school week. Any change to the established five (5) days per week schedule will require 30 days written notice to the Transportation Department.

The attached form will assist you in requesting school bus transportation on an "Available Seats basis" for the 2014-15 school year. While not all parents know at this time what child care transportation needs, hardship or other circumstances may exist during the next school year, many parents do have ongoing child care arrangements and may wish to make their requests for school bus transportation now. If you desire school bus transportation for your child to an <u>ALTERNATE LOCATION</u> as set forth in Policy 3541, please complete the attached form and return it to the Transportation Office, 29 Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410 or fax it to (203) 272-6880 by June 15, 2014. It is our hope that if such transportation requests are made known to us early, we will be able to use this information in the planning of our school bus routes this summer. This will allow us to notify parents of approved arrangements in a more timely fashion.

Please understand that requests which are not received at least 15 days before the start of the school year may not be processed until at least 15 days after the start of the school year.

In partnership with parents, we wish to provide safe and efficient transportation for your child every school day. The faith and confidence that you show in the Cheshire Public Schools when you place your child in our hands compels us to be certain everyday that we are worthy of that confidence. If you have any questions about this policy or the completion of this form, please contact your building principal or the Transportation Department at (203) 272-2472.

Sincerely yours,

Greg J. Florio, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools

Attachment