

Riding Wichita Transit to School: FAQs for families



Does Wichita Transit serve as a school bus?

Some school bus services are provided on Wichita Transit instead of a traditional school bus.

Does a student need a bus ticket to ride Wichita Transit to school?

Students who qualify for a school bus and are assigned to a Wichita Transit bus will get a sticker from their school to put onto their student ID. This sticker is the bus pass. The student must have their ID every day on the transit bus. It works to/from school and any other time they want to use Transit in the community.

Other students who don't qualify for school bus transportation (because they live less than 2.5 miles from the school) may pay for a reduced fair student bus fare to ride transit to school.

Will other community members ride the transit bus?

Members from the community may ride the transit buses at the same time as our students. The school is simply a stop on the public route.

What keeps children safe on the transit bus?

The buses are safe. They have five cameras and the drivers are trained to keep their passengers safe. The drivers have an emergency button, too. Drivers can ask for help from their dispatch team if they should ever need it. Transit buses are also a "SafePlace". SafePlace is a local program that enables kids to get to a safe place when they feel they are lost or in danger.

What if all of the seats are taken?

If all bus seats are taken, remaining passengers can stand on the bus and **hold onto the railings and handles available**. Transit buses are designed to ride standing or sitting.

Is the interior of a transit bus clean?

Yes. The interior is cleaned daily.



Can I track the bus location in an app?

The bus can be tracked using the **MyStop Mobile app**, which can be found in the app store or on Google play.

Is the Transit Bus ride an extension of the school day?

Students are expected to follow all USD 259 school bus rules while using Wichita Transit. Those who are not compliant with the rules may face school disciplinary action.

What are other benefits of using Wichita Transit to get to school?

- Teaches kids how to navigate the public transportation system
- AC, Wifi, 5 security cameras, and other safety features
- Free transit access for kids to use outside of riding to/from school
- Parents can use transit to get to their child's school
- Buses go by stops/school every 45 minutes, so students who need transportation to/from school outside of their normal route times can still ride the bus. For example, students who stay late for activities