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Good afternoon,

Sunnyvale School District has been in the process of re-developing our Home-To-School-Transportation (HTST) program. The main goals are centered around expanding our services to accommodate more of our students while improving the processes surrounding registration.

There are areas within our district boundaries that create potentially challenging conditions for a student who would be walking from their residence to and from their home campus. Those areas are identified as 'Safety Areas' on the map that is linked here, [All Safety Areas 20230126.pdf](#). These students will be receiving first priority to register for home-to-school-transportation (HTST) services for this coming school year (2023-2024).

Students who qualify for transportation services will be receiving a separate email and registration link during the week of March 20, 2023.

If you are unsure if your residence qualifies please follow this link [Transportation Look-up](#).

If there are still available seats to fill after the initial registration window closes, we will open up registration to additional students. Additional information will go out if we are able to expand our services further.

We are excited and looking forward to better serving our students and their families.

Thank you,

Brandt Burns
Director, Facilities & Operations

Frequently Asked Questions

<p>How do I know if my student qualifies for transportation services?</p>	<p>Sunnyvale School District has prioritized providing transportation to students that live in areas defined as 'Safety Zones.' Those areas are shown on this map; All Safety Areas 20230126.pdf.</p> <p>Students that live in these areas will be receiving registration instructions.</p> <p>You can also check if your residence is within these zones by using the SSD school finder look-up.</p>
<p>Why are these changes happening now?</p>	<p>In our ongoing effort to safely increase our transportation services, we will be requiring families to register their students for transportation.</p> <p>Each rider will be issued a bus pass that they must present to the driver each day.</p> <p>This increases our ability to know the students that are riding our buses and to better communicate with the families of those students.</p>
<p>Which schools have Safety Zones in their boundaries; or which school will have transportation services?</p>	<p>Bishop (Safety Areas 8 & 9) Ellis (Safety Areas 5 & 6) San Miguel (Safety Area 4) Lakewood (Safety Areas 2 & 3) Vargas (Safety Area 1) Columbia (Safety Area 2, 4, & 7) Sunnyvale Middle School (Safety Areas 1, 5, & 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that Safety Area 7 is only for CMS students. Fairwood and Lakewood students are not included in those areas
<p>Will every student that resides in a Safety Zone be bused?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, most likely not. Since the number of students that reside in Safety Zones exceeds the number of seats that we have on our buses, not every student that registers for transportation will be able to ride.</p> <p>We will generate wait lists for students in the event a seat become available for transportation services.</p>
<p>What about students residing in a Safety Area that are electing to go to a campus that is not their home campus?</p>	<p>Students electing to attend a campus outside of their attendance area would not qualify for transportation services.</p> <p>Ex. A Lakewood student residing in Safety Area 2 who elects to attend Cherry Chase would not receive transportation services.</p>

When will I know if my student will be receiving a bus pass?	On or before Jun 30, 2023. We will be messaging all families of students that will be receiving a bus pass for the upcoming school year.
How will I receive my student's bus pass?	The school site will be mailing your bus pass to your residence, or families may pick up their student's bus pass the week prior to the start of school.
Can we sign up for only morning or only afternoon busing?	No, a student that is registered for transportation services is expected to ride the bus in the morning and afternoon. This is to make sure that we are maximizing the number of students we provide services to.
Will after school programs or sports be able to receive HTST?	At this time, no. We will continue to expand and develop this plan with goals to start providing transportation to after school programs at a later date.
Will attendance be mandatory?	Yes, 5 unexcused absences from the bus may result in a suspension of HTST services
Who can I speak to if I have more questions regarding transportation?	Please contact your campus administration.