



August 10, 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians:

We hope that you are enjoying your summer. It is hard to believe that it is August already and we are busy planning for the first day of the 2018 -2019 school year.

We understand that transportation plays a major role in the educational experience of all students; therefore, for the 2018-2019 school year, LEARN is pleased to inform you that transportation will again be provided to magnet school students whose districts currently do not provide this service.

LEARN utilizes outside contractors for student transportation and we want this experience to be not only safe, but a positive one. You may contact M&J Bus Company directly for questions about buses running late or bus stop questions at 860-388-6782. You may also contact Cathy Heath, LEARN's Transportation Coordinator at 860-434-4800 ext.163 for any other questions.

Enclosed you will find the two bus routes. Please review them very carefully to determine the pick-up / drop-off stop that is convenient for you. Once you have determined the best hub, please email Cathy Heath at [cheath@learn.k12.ct.us](mailto:cheath@learn.k12.ct.us) with the following information:

Student Name  
Pick Up (P/U) & Drop Off (D/O) location  
Bus Route

Looking forward to a successful 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,

Kate Ericson  
Associate Executive Director

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required to wait past  
scheduled pick-up time

**M&J BUS 1**  
**AM RUN**

**P/U 6:10 @ Exit 71 commuter lot** (to include Old Saybrook, Westbrook and Hampton students for DLAMMS & TRMC)

**P/U 6:18 @ East Lyme High School** (E.L. students for DLAMMS & TRMC)

**P/U 6:43 @ Exit 92, Movie Theater** (No. Stonington students to MSMHS, DLAMMS & TRMC)

**D/O 7:05 @ MSMHS**

**(East Lyme, Old Saybrook & Westbrook students will transfer to BUS #2 en route to DLAMMS. Norwich students will transfer from BUS 2 for TRMC)**

**D/O 7:30@TRMC**

**P/U 7:55 @ Back Parking lot to Norwich Bowl, W. Town St., Norwich** (to include Bozrah, Plainfield & Sprague students to RMMS)

**P/U 8:10@Wal-Mart, Norwich** (to include Bozrah, Plainfield & Sprague students to RMMS)

**D/O 8:35 @ RMMS**

**M&J BUS 1**  
**PM RUN**

**P/U 1:45-1:50 @ TRMC**

**P/U 2:20 @ DLAMMS**

**(Norwich students will transfer to BUS #2. No. Stonington students will transfer from BUS 2)**

**D/O 2:40 @ Exit 71, commuter lot, Old Lyme** (to include Old Saybrook, Westbrook & Hampton students)

**D/O 2:45-2:50 @ East Lyme High School, East Lyme**

**D/O 3:10 @ Exit 92, Movie Theater, No. Stonington**

**P/U 3:30 -3:40@ RMMS**

**D/O 3:50 @ Wal-Mart, Norwich, CT** (to include Bozrah, Plainfield & Sprague students)

**D/O 4:00 @ Back Parking lot to Norwich Bowl, W. Town St., Norwich**



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**P/U 6:10 @ Back Parking lot to Norwich Bowl, W. Town St., Norwich** (to include Thompson, Lebanon, Plainfield, Franklin, Sprague & Bozrah students for MSMHS, DLAMMS & TRMC)

**P/U 6:20 @ Wal-Mart, Norwich** (Norwich students for DLAMMS & TRMC)

**P/U 6:40 @ Rite-Aide parking lot/Rte. 32, Uncasville** (Montville students to DLAMMS)

**D/O 7:05 @ MSMHS**

**(East Lyme, Old Saybrook & Westbrook students will transfer to BUS #2 en route to DLAMMS. Norwich students will transfer from BUS 2 for TRMC)**

**D/O 7:30 @ DLAMMS**

**P/U 8:15 @ Exit 92, Movie Theater** (North Stonington students to RMMS)

**D/O 8:35 @ RMMS**

**M&J BUS 2**  
**PM RUN**

**P/U 1:55-2:00 @ MSMHS**

**P/U 2:20 @ DLAMMS**

**(Norwich students will transfer to BUS #2. No. Stonington students will transfer from BUS 2)**

**D/O 2:35 @ Back Parking lot to Norwich Bowl, W. Town St., Norwich**  
(to include Thompson, Lebanon, Plainfield, Franklin, Sprague & Bozrah students)

**D/O 2:45 @ Wal-Mart, Norwich, CT**

**D/O 3:00 @ Rite-Aide parking lot/Rte. 32, Uncasville**

**P/U 3:30-3:40 @ RMMS**

**D/O 4:00 @ Exit 92 Movie Theater, No Stonington**

**M&J BUS-**

**P/U 6:30 @ Bowerbird, 46 Halls Rd., Old Lyme to MSMHS**

## LEARN Transportation Guidelines

Under current magnet school law, transportation to a LEARN Magnet School is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) or of the home school district if it chooses to provide transportation. Students or parents should contact their local superintendent's office to obtain information on transportation procedures.

1. All Kindergarten students must be met by a parent or a designated person (over the age of 18), on the students emergency card to be released at his/her bus. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Students must obey the driver and be courteous. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students and has the authority to assign seats to maintain discipline.
3. Students must be on time; buses cannot wait for those who are late.
4. Students should never stand or play on the road while waiting for the bus. Students must not try to get on or off the bus when it is in motion. When on the bus, they must remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop.
5. Before boarding the bus, students must keep a safe distance from it while it is in motion.
6. Students must enter the bus without crowding or disturbing others and occupy their seats immediately.
7. Students must keep out of the driver's seat.
8. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited while the bus is in motion.
9. In approaching the bus or a bus stop along the highway, a student should always walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. He/she should be certain that the road is clear of all traffic or that all traffic has stopped before crossing. Upon leaving the bus, he/she should walk 10 feet to the front of the bus and stop before crossing. He/she should make certain that the road is clear of all traffic or that all traffic has come to a complete stop before crossing. In crossing the street or highway at any time, students should obey bus driver's signals for a controlled crossing: when a controlled crossing is not required, students should first look left, then right, then left again.
10. Talking should be at normal conversation tones.
11. Students may not extend head or arms out of the windows.
12. Students must not call out to passers-by.
13. Students may not leave the bus except at their regular designated bus stop or school, unless prior written approval is secured from the Magnet School Administration.
14. Students should help to keep the bus clean, sanitary, and orderly. They must not damage or abuse equipment.
15. Students are not permitted to smoke while on the bus. No eating or drinking on vehicles unless prior approval is obtained from the Transportation Coordinator.
16. Students must not use profanity.
17. Students must not throw articles of any kind in, out, or around the bus.
18. Students are to conduct themselves while on the bus in such a way that it will not distract the driver from his/her job of driving.
19. Student cooperation is mandated during Emergency Evacuation Drills.

Riding the school bus is both a right and a privilege. A student who does not respect the rights of others and endangers his life and the lives of others will be suspended from riding.

For **major** discipline infractions or transportation safety (those that could result in physical harm to passengers or drivers or destruction of property, i.e., smoking, striking matches, improper opening of doors, throwing objects, fighting, etc.), bus riding privileges will be suspended on the first offense; charges for damages will be made and legal proceedings may be initiated. Second offenders face expulsion of bus privileges.

For **minor** discipline infractions (those not resulting in physical harm or destruction of property, i.e., failure to take seats or stay seated, loud noises, littering, etc.), pupils will be referred to the principal for appropriate disciplinary action.