

Transportation Options for Parents and/or Youth

Transportation arrangements to the “School of Origin” School Districts are responsible for providing students with transportation to their “school of origin” — (*the school they were enrolled in when they became homeless*), and upon determining what the best interest of the child. Adams 12 Homeless Assistance Program provides transportation services to families served by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, Title X Part C of the ESEA.

Transportation Options:

- “ **Walk Zone:** Students living within the “walking zones”: **1.0 mile for elementary, 1.5 miles for middle, and 2.0 miles for high school**, will continue to walk to school like other students living within the same boundary limitations.
- “ **School Bus Stops in Attendance Area:** Students who reside close enough to the pre-established school bus route (or those who have transportation from their place of residence to a nearby bus stop) will continue to use that method and will not be considered for extended transportation services. It should be considered only if the student happens to be in a situation where a bus route is already available and convenient. Students experiencing homelessness will not be assessed a transportation fee.
- “ **Personal Vehicles:** This option is for a parent/guardian/student that has a personal vehicle. Persons transporting the student must have a valid driver’s license and automobile insurance for the car being driven. Payment to the person providing the transportation will be in the form of a monthly reimbursement check for the number of miles driven as determined by the program and based on attendance. The amount is subject to change based on the current cost of gasoline. Parent/guardians are paid in arrears or after the month.
- “ **RTD:** RTD coupons or passes should be considered and could also be provided. Children in elementary school or grades Kindergarten through fifth grade are required to be escorted by a parent/guardian or older sibling with written permission from parent. Parents/guardians and unaccompanied youth are responsible for knowing and understanding the Regional Transit District routes and policies. More information is available about schedules and routes from RTD at www.RTD-denver.com or by phone at 303-299-6000.
- “ **School Buses:** School bus service may be used and the district transportation department and Homeless Education Liaison coordinate to insure that student eligible for Title X and their families know and understand the rules and policies of using district transportation. Note: If a student is on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with transportation written into it, we will coordinate with the Student Support Services. The rules for school bus transportation are outlined below:

- “ Children must be ready and waiting at the agreed upon pick-up location.
- “ You may not have door to door service and the pick-up location may be outside. The bus or vehicle will wait for only one (1) minute so being on time is critical for all students.
- “ Children will be dropped off whether or not an adult is present to meet them so please plan for your child/children's arrival from school.
- “ If your child/children are not going to ride for any reason you must cancel the ride by calling the bus scheduler/dispatcher, Karen Irwin at 720-972-4303 or Anjanette Williams at 720-972-4304 and your child/children's school office.
- “ If your child/children do not use the ride without letting district transportation know it is called a “No load”. After 3 “No loads” the ride will stop and you will have to meet with the Homeless Education Liaison to reinstate the ride.
- “ Children must behave appropriately and follow all bus/vehicle rules or the ride may be stopped.
- “ If the ride is stopped for any reason listed above it will be your responsibility to be sure that your child/children get to school.
- “ You are responsible for notifying the school district of any address changes or changes in your circumstances, failure to do so will result in cancellation of these services. The Homeless Education Liaison phone number is 720-972-6016.

Important: Student’s attendance will be verified monthly and students are required to attend school 85% of the time during the month they are receiving transportation assistance. Students enrolled in Pathways computer-based education program must pass 2 classes to receive Title X service. Absences will be addressed with the parent or guardian and will determine the eligibility of transportation assistance and excessive, non-Title X absences will be cause for ending services.

By signing this you hereby agree to the above conditions:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Homeless Liaison Signature: _____ **Date:** _____