



## PICKERINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## FAQ's for Bus Route

### ***Q: What changes are being made this school year?***

Junior and senior high school students will be transported to and from school in separate buses this year.

### ***Q: Will bus stops and schedules be changed?***

The majority of bus stops will remain the same. However, schedules will change.

In general, junior high school students will be picked up earlier than high school students and will arrive home earlier in the afternoon. This will occur since the junior high schools open and dismiss earlier than the high schools. No building times will be changed.

### ***Q: Will my child transfer to another bus?***

All buses will serve one junior high school or high school building exclusively. No longer will some students have to wait while other students leave the bus or be dismissed from school.

### ***Q: Why is this being done?***

Petermann, the district's school bus contractor is projecting annual savings of approximately \$100,000 for the district by restructuring routes.

### ***Q: Will my child spend less time on the bus?***

In most cases, students will spend less time on buses due to the elimination of the transfer or downtime at schools. In the morning, high school students will not have to wait while junior high students unload. Also, junior high buses can arrive later at school since these buses are no longer also serving the high schools. In the afternoon, all students will be transported directly home after their school dismisses with no transfers or waiting at another school.

### ***Q: Will I still receive bus schedule and route information?***

Complete route schedules will be mailed to each student's residence. In addition, this information is available on the district's Web site and it is posted at each school. Please be certain your students are aware of their bus number and pickup time. This is especially important now since all buses will only service one junior or senior high school building. Any student who boards the wrong bus may not be able to get to their correct school. In general, junior and senior high school bus numbers will be different.