

A Quick Reference to  
Jordan School District

# Bus Service



## State Standards, District Policies and Transportation Guidelines

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Jordan School District provides bus service to ineligible students within the limits set by the State of Utah. Students who live within 1.5 miles of an elementary school and 2.0 miles of a middle or high school are identified as ineligible for transportation. Jordan School District's Space Available Program works as follows:

### Space Available Guidelines:

- If space is available, students who live too close to school to qualify for state supported bus service may be allowed to ride from the nearest existing approved bus stop. (This privilege will not be granted when there are overriding safety issues or other considerations.)
- Parents are responsible for the safety of their student(s) traveling to and from the bus stop.
- If the number of ineligible students requesting to ride exceeds the number of spaces available, the principal will work with the School Community Council to establish guidelines for the method that will be used to issue Space Available Passes. Options for identifying the method of awarding Space Available Passes might include:
  - Distance from the school
  - Lottery drawing of all applicants
  - Age of students
  - Special needs or concerns
- Space Available Passes are issued for the current year only. Students requesting a Space Available Pass must apply each year.
- Space Available Passes may be withdrawn at any time if an increase in eligible riders reduces the number of seats available.
- Space Available Passes may be revoked at any time for student conduct that does not conform to the rules for riding the bus.
- Ineligible riders who are issued a bus pass must agree to use a designated existing bus stop.
- Bus stops will not be added to accommodate space available riders.
- Students who attend their boundary school and request a Space Available Pass will be given first priority over students attending the school on a special permit.
- Space Available Passes will be issued 15 calendar days after the school year begins.
- Space Available Passes will not be issued to students desiring transportation to an after-school job site or activity.
- Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right. Students must conform to established rules of behavior and regulations governing ridership.

It is important that you understand, Jordan School District is not allowed to transport children who have not been approved and assigned to ride a bus.

Signed and completed Space Available Request forms are to be forwarded to the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation will assign students to the bus based on available space according to the criteria provided by the school's administration and School Community Council.