

Busing at River Valley School

Who Can Ride the School Bus?



All River Valley School students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 are eligible to participate in the bus service program.

Pick up & Drop off Times

Buses run both in the mornings and after school. Students can participate in the morning run, the after-school run, or both. We try our best to keep bus routes no longer than one hour in length to ensure that student ride times are kept to a minimum. Morning bus runs begin at approximately 7:15am and arrive at the school at approximately 8:15am. Students who choose after school bus service will depart the school at 3:30pm with routes ending around 4:30pm. Bus routes

are subject to change, including pickup and drop off locations and times determined by the school.

The Communities We Service

To maximize the number of students that each bus can accommodate on each route and to reduce the amount of time students spend on the bus, group stops on major routes are established. Our bus routes are created based upon the need to provide safe pickup and drop off locations that accommodate families interested in using this service at RVS. Please note that families outside these areas are welcome to use stops on any of these routes if it is convenient for their purpose.

- **SW ROUTE:** accommodates SW communities north of Glenmore Trail and west of Sarcee Trail.
- **CENTRAL ROUTE:** accommodates central NW and SW communities.
- **NW ROUTE:** accommodates communities along the Stoney Trail corridor, as far east as Symons Valley Road and west to 12 Mile Coulee Road NW.

Bussing Fees & Payment Schedules

Bus fees may be remitted in one lump sum payment or post-dated as two equal payments. The first payment is dated for October 1, 2020 with the second payment dated for February 1, 2021. A family discount of 25% is available for the second and subsequent children. Bus fees are non-refundable, as we must reserve a seat for your child on the bus at the time of registration.

Bus Fees 2020-21	Lump Sum Payment (Due Oct. 1, 2020)	Installment Plan (Due Oct 1, 2020 & Feb. 1, 2021)
Round Trip	\$3,150	\$1,575
One Way	\$1,750	\$875
Occasional	\$25/per use per direction	N/A

For questions regarding bus service please contact Transportation Supervisor at Transportation@RiverValleySchool.ca or call Pat McDonald at 403-803-8893

About our Drivers

All bus drivers for River Valley School are required to have a class 2 license. All regular route drivers are required to have or obtain an "S" endorsement. The "S" endorsement stands for school bus safety and is a special approval on top of their class 2 driver's license that is specifically for school bus drivers.

It is mandatory for all bus drivers at River Valley School to submit a driver's abstract annually. All bus drivers must also undergo a criminal record check that includes a vulnerable sector search, is dated no earlier than 6 months prior to the date of hire and renewed every 3 years after that date.

Bus Maintenance & Transportation Safety Guidelines

River Valley School owns and operates our own buses to transport children to and from school and on field trips. These buses are required to undergo a rigorous government inspection every 6 months. Our buses also undergo regular maintenance to ensure they are kept to their maximum operating capacity for safety and security. Drivers are required to do a daily school bus inspection that is documented and kept on file for future maintenance requests or concerns as outlined by the drivers.

All River Valley School buses are equipped with Bluetooth devices so that drivers can receive telephone calls while on the road from parents or the school. Drivers cannot read or respond to texts while driving. Parents should be aware that our buses are not equipped with seat belts or booster seats as per Alberta Transportation Guidelines. Each bus is equipped with higher seat backs with additional padding so that they exceed the required safety standards for transporting children. First aid kits, sick kits, fire extinguishers and emergency road markers are all additional safety devices that are carried on our buses. Parents can be assured that we take safety seriously and do our utmost to ensure the safety of our students while being transported.

Parents should be aware that our buses are not equipped with seat belts or booster seats. Our school buses are not required, as per Alberta Transportation Guidelines, to be equipped with these features.

On rare occasions, it may be necessary to cancel a bus due to a mechanical issue or hazardous environmental conditions. In these circumstances, student transportation will be the responsibility of the parents. To help facilitate this interruption in the parent's schedule, before and/or after school care (Kids Club) will be available at no cost for those students affected by a bus cancellation. Students cannot be dropped off prior to 7:00am and must be picked up prior to 6:00pm. As previously stated, this is a rare occurrence.