



**Education Service Center**  
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New Hope MN 55427  
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Dear Families,

We hope this message finds you well.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify our transportation policies, procedures and eligibility.

### **Regular Transportation to and from School**

Transportation is provided for all students enrolled in their attendance area school and who live outside of the schools' "walk zones." The established walk zones are as follows (maps are posted at [www.rdale.org](http://www.rdale.org); click on "Departments" and "Transportation"):

- Elementary school – .5 mile (one-half mile)
- Middle school - .7 mile (seven-tenths mile)
- High school – one mile

Transportation is also provided for *district* students who attend a magnet school or program: Spanish Immersion program at Plymouth Middle School, Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion School, School of Engineering and Arts (K-5 continuing participation in a specialized STEM experience through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Robbinsdale Middle School), FAIR School Crystal and FAIR School at Pilgrim Lane.

If your child attends a daycare facility that is located inside of your child's attendance boundaries and outside of the walk zone of your attendance area school, your child will be eligible for transportation to/from the daycare facility.

### **Open Enrollment**

Bus transportation is generally not provided for students who enroll through the state open enrollment option. Per State law, students open enrolling from outside the school district are eligible to ride a bus to school if they can get to a bus stop within the attendance area of their school of choice. Families of open-enrolled students are asked to enroll their students at their school of choice and fill out a transportation request form on the Robbinsdale website under Transportation Services-Bus Request Form. The Transportation Department will notify the student with their stop information.

If your child is eligible for transportation, bus information will be available in the Parent Portal in mid-August, and you will receive a postcard in the mail with the bus stop and pick-up times for your student. Students who live within the walk zone of their school will not receive a postcard in the mail. Please call 763-504-8107 for bus stop and routing questions. You are encouraged to first check the map for your school's established walk zones.

We wish you and your child(ren) a safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dale Sundstrom'.

Dale Sundstrom, Executive Director of Business Services

