

2019/2020 HOMEGOING

A TRANSPORTATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS

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TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following pages are meant to be a guide for parents/guardians of the operations, policies, and procedures of the Transportation Office at the California School for the Deaf in Fremont.

The CSD Transportation Office coordinates the home to school transportation of our CSD students. Day students travel to and from home on a daily basis. Residential students go home on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday evening (or holiday Monday evening). In addition to handling the transportation of our day and residential students, we also coordinate the use of our school vehicles for field trips and after school trips.

OFFICE STAFF

One full-time Transportation Coordinator
One full-time Dispatcher Clerk
One full-time Vacant

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open six days a week on the following schedule:

Sunday: 11:00 AM–8:30 PM

Monday–Thursday: 7:30 AM–5:30 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM–8:00 PM

CONTACT US

Videophone: **(510) 344-6222**

Voice or TTY: **(510) 794-3793** (We have a phone answering machine on at all times.)

E-mail: csdftransportation@csdf-cde.ca.gov.

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to carry these contact information with them at all times.

DAY STUDENT INFORMATION

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The transportation of day students at CSD is primarily the responsibility of your local school district. Your school district is responsible to pay any costs incurred in the transportation of students to and from CSD; this is true whether your child rides a minibus or uses public transportation. CSD does not dispatch minibuses or plan their schedules. We also do not distribute free bus or BART tickets to day students. We do sell tickets to day students who need them. **We encourage you to keep your minibus driver's phone number handy at all times.**

Please note: Parents/guardians of students who are under three years of age must provide transportation to and from CSD themselves. If your child is in the infant program or under age three in the pre-school program, transportation is the responsibility of the parents/guardians or the school district.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

It is vital that we are aware of any changes in your address and phone number. Minibus companies will take up to **five to ten working days** to put a change into effect. We request that you contact your district directly regarding address changes. In order to avoid any interruption in your service, notify your school district directly as soon as possible.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school three or more days in a row, it is important for you to notify the bus company. If your child is absent three days, and the bus company is not aware of why, they will drop your child from their roster and it will take **five working days** to get them added again. In case of long-term absence, contact your bus company or driver directly.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION

All CSD students will receive emergency school bus evacuation instruction and practice at least once during every school year. They will also receive instruction in red light crossing procedures and safe walking behavior to, from, and around bus stops.

CAMPUS PICK UP

All campus pick-ups must be signed out at the school office, the student's respective cottage or the Transportation Office. Advanced notice of the pick up to the Transportation Office would be preferable.

VISITS

Occasionally, students at CSD enjoy visiting each other's homes. Day students, however, cannot invite friends to join them on their minibus. Insurance liability prohibits day student visits on minibus. If your child wishes to invite a student home for the weekend, your child must have shown acceptable behavior at CSD to qualify for the visit. We must have signed permission from you and your guest's parents/guardians and you must provide the transportation from CSD to your home. If your child wishes to visit at the home of one of our residential students, we also need signed permission papers and your child will be charged a fee. If your child visits with a student who rides one of our charter buses, they will pay \$5.00. If they visit with a student who utilizes public transportation, i.e. BART, AC or other public transportation, they must pay the full cost of the fare to their host's home (see guest/host form). Visit permission papers should be turned in to the cottages the Monday prior to the visit. Students are only allowed **one visitor** per person each weekend.

UNDELIVERABLES

An undeliverable child is one that cannot be released from the bus because there is no responsible person at the drop-off location. A driver cannot release a child to anyone except the parent/guardian or person designated by the parent/guardian or school. This is true for students up to age 18 (bus code Chapter 5.1.c.). If you wish your child to be dropped at your home unattended, you must make arrangements with your local school district; they will arrange for you to sign a release form. If your child is undeliverable they will be taken from your home to a destination arranged by your local school district.

ALAMEDA COUNTY MINIBUSES

If you reside in Alameda County and your child is a Day student you will need to contact your local school district to set up your child's transportation and find out which minibus service is used. Please keep in mind that the bus company does not work for us; they are paid by your local school district. We do not make the schedules or choose the drivers.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CSD welcomes day students to join in after-school activities when prior arrangements have been made with cottage personnel. However, the minibus will only make a pick-up after school. If you decide to allow your child to remain during after school hours, you will need to make arrangements other than the minibus for their ride home. You should also communicate with the cottage staff to coordinate pick-up times for your child.

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION

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The transportation office coordinates all homegoing plans for many residential students at CSD. We purchase all tickets, make all reservations, and see to it that students are delivered and picked up at places of public transportation. In addition to public transportation, we coordinate the use of our ten chartered buses. This is often a challenging task and we depend on you, the parent/guardian, to help this operation run smoothly.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

In order to ensure that all students are traveling on correct transportation, it is crucial that the transportation office have the current parent/guardian's address and contact information. This information is especially important during an emergency. It is also important that we have your street address in addition to any P.O. Box number you may have. Please contact us immediately and directly; other school offices may take up to a week to notify us of changes.

MIDWEEK ESCORTS

We understand that it is sometimes necessary for your child to return to school or to go home during the school week. We will try to accommodate your legitimate needs when possible, but please realize every trip to the bus station requires a counselor or other staff member to be out of their work area for a minimum of two hours, leaving the other students with less supervision. Always call and make sure that someone will be able to meet your child before putting him/her on a bus. We would appreciate it if we could keep mid-week escorts to a minimum.

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FIRST AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

We do offer transportation the first and last day of school. Check your schedule for times.

ATHLETICS

If your child is active in a sport that involves weekend games, you will need to contact the Athletics Department in order to obtain information regarding their travel plans. The Athletic office number is (510) 794-3765 (video phone or email), wkeller@c sdf-cde.ca.gov.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CSD's dining room is not open on Sundays. Parents/guardians should **always send food** with their children on Sundays. **Please remember glass containers are not permitted on the bus.** Drinks should be in plastic bottles, preferably with twist tops or special pull up tops. There are no fast food or restaurant cups allowed on the bus. Students are responsible for cleaning their area after eating. Restaurant stops are sometimes permitted but they are not normally scheduled.

ABSENCES

If your child will not be returning to CSD on Sunday evening (holiday Monday evening), please call the Transportation Office at (510) 794-3793(voice or tty), (510) 344-6222 (VP) or e-mail us at csdftransportation@csdf-cde.ca.gov. You may leave a message.

HOLIDAYS

Please refer to your school calendar to determine which holidays CSD is not in session. If we are closed for a holiday Monday, transportation will resume on Monday evening instead of Sunday (using the regular Sunday schedule).

VISITS

No visits during the first week of school or the Summer Session. If your child wishes to visit another student at CSD, please submit a Host/Guest form to the SC, SRP or the appropriate residential department at least a week in advance. The state will only pay for students to go home, so any cost incurred for a visit must be paid by the parent/guardian. There will be a \$5.00 visit fee if your child rides a chartered bus. Please be sure of your child's exact travel plans and be sure to know the family that they are to visit. We recommend that you contact the other family by phone and make sure all travel plans are arranged. For legal purposes, we must have your written permission on file in our office. Students must have shown acceptable behavior to qualify for visit.

Only in extreme circumstances will phone calls be accepted in lieu of a written note.

CHARTERED BUSES

If your child rides a chartered school bus, please be sure to follow the schedule enclosed. In case any problems arise, please keep our phone number in your possession at all times. It is our policy to try and contact parents/guardians at home or work if the bus is going to be more than 45 minutes late. Please make every effort to be on time. One late parent/guardian can cause the bus to be late all the way down the line. It is not fair to the other families involved. If your child becomes a frequent behavior problem on the bus, it may be necessary for us to transport your child on public transportation or request that you come to pick them up.

Please help us encourage safe behavior on school buses.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

If your child uses public transportation to and from school, please follow the enclosed schedule. These are the only times that CSD staff will be available to meet your child. Unfortunately, public transportation schedules change periodically. We will notify you at the time. In most cases, your child will be given a round trip ticket on Friday afternoon and should use the other half of the ticket to return to school.

The state will not reimburse you for lost tickets.

SCHOOL BUS RULES AND SAFETY TIPS

We encourage you to go over these rules and safety tips with your child whether they are five years old or twenty-one. Especially make sure that students have memorized their home address and phone number.

THE LAW

- Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. (5 CAC 14103)
- Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. (5 CAC 14103)

THE RULES

- Obey the directions of the bus driver or escort.
- Stay in your seat at all times. The high seat backs protect you during an accident.
- Keep the bus neat. Do not throw food, papers, etc. on the floor.
- Avoid noise and rough play.
- Be courteous; do not use dirty language or signs.
- Keep your head, arms, and hands inside the bus at all times.
- Never touch the emergency exits, safety equipment (fire extinguishers) and/or bus controls.
- Stay away from bus wheels.
- Never go under the bus for any reason. Ask the driver or escort for help.
- Keep aisles and emergency doors and windows clear. Aisles cannot be blocked with luggage or other items. Keep feet out of the aisles.
- Skateboards are allowed on buses only if they are encased in luggage or stored in an outside storage compartment.
- Do not throw anything out of the windows.
- Do not bother other people on the bus or outside the bus.
- Cross the street carefully when you leave the bus.
- No live animals are allowed on the school bus. (13 CCR 1216)
(This includes fish, mice, rabbits, hamsters, dogs, cats, snakes, etc.)
- No laser devices of any kind permitted on the bus.
- Throwing objects inside the bus is never allowed.
- Bicycles are never transported inside the bus.

SAFETY TIPS

- Be sure you know your name, address and phone number.
- Carry I.D. with your home address and phone number, and one with the address and phone number of CSD.
- Mark your luggage clearly with your name and address.
- Do not talk with strangers. If you need help, look for a police officer, security guard or ticket agent.
- Know how to contact CSD. Carry the phone numbers of your cottage and the Transportation Office.
- Know the name and phone number of a good friend or relatives to call in case you cannot reach your parents/guardians of the school.

BUS SAFETY

- Compartmentalization (protecting the student with padded seat backs) will not work during an accident unless the students are seated and seated properly.
- The DANGER ZONE around the bus involves the wheels, front and rear, and passing traffic.
- Students can be out of sight in the driver's mirrors when they are near or under the wheels. Student deaths often involve a student being crushed under the wheels.
- Many students are injured or killed because they walk or run in front of traffic around the bus. Parking lots and streets are very dangerous to students because of passing motorists. Students need to be under control and out of harm's way.
- Staff members need to keep students quiet at railroad tracks so that the driver can hear the train whistle and warning bells on the crossing gates.
- Staff members on field trips can help drivers to greatly increase student safety. They can do this by being sure that students stay near the side of the bus while loading. But when the bus is moving, all students must either be inside the bus or far away from the wheels.
- If a school bus is equipped with seat belts, students are required to wear them at all times.

ANTIOCH CHARTER

FRIDAY SCHEDULE	CITY	SUNDAY SCHEDULE
2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:15 PM
3:30 PM	CONCORD Dick's Sporting Goods 314 Monument Blvd. Contra Costa Center Buskirk & Monument Blvd.	6:20 PM
4:45 PM	PITTSBURG Shopping Center (between Walgreen 2971 Railroad Ave. & USA Gas Station 2901 Railroad Ave.) Railroad Avenue and Atlantic Street	6:00 PM
5:00 PM	ANTIOCH Lowe's parking lot 1951 Auto Center Drive (Auto Center Drive & Mahogany Way)	5:45 PM

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ELK GROVE CHARTER

FRIDAY SCHEDULE	CITY	SUNDAY SCHEDULE
2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:00 PM
3:30 PM	TRACY CVS Pharmacy 3320 Tracy Blvd At Clover Road (209) 836-2316	6:00 PM
4:00 PM	MANTECA Target Store, 280 Spreckles Blvd Park in the red zone at the corner in front of the building on the Staples side (209) 823-9982	5:25 PM
4:25 PM	STOCKTON Taco Bell 4327 E. Waterloo Road	4:55 PM
5:25 PM	ELK GROVE Elk Park Village 9679 E. Stockton Blvd Parking lot near Vic's Corn Popper	4:05 PM

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FRESNO CHARTER

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2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:15 PM
4:20 PM	MERCED Smart & Final 1435 MLK Jr, 95340 Shell Service Station 1405 MLK Jr. 95340 Bus parks between two locations 15 th and Martin Luther King Jr. Way (Use MLK Jr Way Exit off (99))	4:45 PM
5:30 PM	MADERA Madera Marketplace In front of the Chase Bank by Walmart 2147 West Cleveland	3:55 PM
6:00 PM	FRESNO Carl's Jr parking lot 5272 W. Shaw Avenue HWY 99 exit Shaw Ave. Right on Barcus into rear of Carl's Jr. parking lot	3:30 PM

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UKIAH CHARTER

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2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:30 PM
3:40 PM	NOVATO Redwood Road/McDonald's 7349 Redwood Blvd. Between Grand and Delong	5:55 PM
4:25 PM	ROHNERT PARK / COTATI Carl's Jr (In the rear parking area between Animal Care Center and Carl's Jr.) 6460 Redwood Drive Rohnert Park	5:20 PM
5:00 PM	SANTA ROSA Santa Rosa High 1135 Mendocino Avenue Ridgeway near S. Mendocino	4:50 PM
7:00 PM	UKIAH Carl's Jr Parking lot 1275 North State Street	3:00 PM

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GILROY CHARTER

FRIDAY SCHEDULE	CITY	SUNDAY SCHEDULE
2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:15 PM
3:00 PM	SAN JOSE Behind Burger King 1305 N. Bascom Ave Enter parking lot off Heatherdale Park at the end of the mall	6:15 PM
4:10 PM	SANTA CRUZ / CAPITOLA Capitola Mall Hwy 1 Exit 41 st Ave. Near Kohl's 1855 41 st Ave.	5:10 PM
4:40 PM	WASTONVILLE Roadway Inn 1620 West Beach, Watsonville, CA Rear parking area	4:40 PM
5:30 PM	GILROY Exit 152 East/10 th St. Lt Chestnut St. Parking lot near McDonald's 6990 Chestnut St.	4:00 PM

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NAPA CHARTER

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2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:00 PM
3:00 PM	OAKLAND Rear of Safeway Parking Lot 555 Bancroft Ave./Dutton Ave. San Leandro Park in rear parking lot behind Queens nails	6:10 PM
4:30 PM	SAN PABLO Rear of Big Lot's Parking Lot 13222 San Pablo Ave. San Pablo Dam Road & San Pablo Avenue	5:00 PM
5:30 PM	VALLEJO Gateway Plaza Shopping Center Parking area located next to Turner Parkway between Sleep Train (900 Adm. Callaghan Lane and McDonald's	4:30 PM
6:00 PM	NAPA River Park Shopping Center South side of Hwy 29 Park behind stores in rear parking lot 1631 Imola Way	4:00 PM

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CHICO CHARTER

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2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:15 PM
5:15 PM	SACRAMENTO Reed Avenue off of I-80 Walmart 755 Riverpoint Ct. Side parking area near Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento, CA	4:45 PM
6:30 PM	MARYSVILLE Peachtree Mall Pizza Hut 1130 N. Beale Rd. Marysville, CA 95901 off Hwy 70 (follow Yuba College signs)	3:30 PM
7:30 PM	CHICO Skyway Park Plaza Off Hwy 99, Raley's Parking Lot Park behind Perkos; behind Arbys & Kregen's	2:30 PM

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REDDING CHARTER

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2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:15 PM
4:00 PM	FAIRFIELD Walmart 2701 N. Texas Street Rear parking area	5:30 PM
4:40 PM	WINTERS AM/PM Burger King Hwy 128/Grant Avenue	5:05 PM
5:35 PM	WILLIAMS McDonald parking lot 475 Fourth Street	4:10 PM
6:55 PM	RED BLUFF McDonald's, 215 Antelope Blvd. (Antelope Blvd. & Sail Lane)	2:40 PM
7:35 PM	REDDING K-Mart Parking lot 2685 Hilltop Drive (Exit #377)	2:00 PM

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TULARE CHARTER

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2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:30 PM
4:20 PM	SANTA NELLA Carl's Jr Rear parking lot near Plaza Drive 12260 South Hwy 33 Santa Nella	4:55 PM
6:45 PM	HANFORD PetSmart rear parking lot 140 N. 12 th Ave (across from Hanford mall)	2:50 PM
7:15 PM	VISALIA Country Center Shopping Center Empty Parking area between Save Mart (3425 W. Noble) and K-Mart (3247 W. Noble) at Damaree exit	2:20 PM
7:35 PM	TULARE Country Village Shopping Center Prosperity Avenue Exit Cherry 1111 N. Cherry Street (meet in parking lot)	2:00 PM

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SAN LUIS OBISPO CHARTER

FRIDAY SCHEDULE	CITY	SUNDAY SCHEDULE
2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:35 PM
3:45 PM	SALINAS Northridge Shopping Center Hwy 101, Boronda Rd Exit Michael's 860 Northridge Shopping Center/Rite Aide 880 Northridge Shopping Center parking area	5:00 PM
4:45 PM	KING CITY McDonald's parking area 1350 Broadway Circle Exit Broadway off Hwy 101	4:20 PM
6:05 PM	PASO ROBLES Carl's Jr 2725 Blackoak Park between Carl's Jr and BBQ/Motorcycle Shop	3:00 PM
6:35 PM	SAN LUIS OBISPO Madonna Plaza 275 Madonna Road After McDonald's, park on the right side of Big 5	2:30 PM

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PENINSULA CHARTER

FRIDAY SCHEDULE	CITY	SUNDAY SCHEDULE
2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:15 PM
2:45 PM	MENLO PARK Veterans Hospital 795 Willow Road	6:30 PM
3:10 PM	SAN MATEO Between Target and Staples 2220 Bridgepointe Pkwy Target: 650-341-0734	6:15 PM
3:30 PM	SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO Grosvenor Hotel 380 S. Airport Ave. (Park in Cul-de-sac Marco Way) South San Francisco	5:45 PM

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MODESTO CHARTER

FRIDAY SCHEDULE	CITY	SUNDAY SCHEDULE
2:15 PM	CSD, FREMONT	7:15 PM
4:00 PM	MODESTO McDonalds 1324 Hatch Rd. Hwy 99/Hatch Rd. McDonalds (209) 537-7587	5:00 PM

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