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RE: Bus Transportation - Riding home with friends

Madison families,

Our transportation team prides itself on accommodating requests as often as possible as they pertain to the necessities of student transportation to and from school each day. Our buses travel across our county on routes we try to define as efficiently as possible. That said, our buses are very full and attendance on both morning and afternoon routes is somewhat unpredictable due to a number of factors that arise daily.

We realize that students are making new friends and connecting with old ones, and we are already fielding requests from families to have friends ride the bus home with classmates after school. **We are not able to accommodate this request.** Many of our buses are full and cannot accommodate additional, unplanned riders. Our building clerks work closely each day with our bus drivers to ensure that all students arrive safely at their afterschool location. Any non-emergency changes to the transportation arrangements in place create a potential situation where we may not have enough space on some buses for additional, unplanned riders.

We hope you understand our position and if your student would like a friend to come home after school, we ask that you please make arrangements for them to be picked up from school. We do ask that you send a note letting the clerk know they won't be on the bus so they can alert the bus driver before the end of the day so attendance on the bus is accurate and they are not waiting for a student who will not be riding for the day.

We appreciate your understanding.

Jill Deputy, Transportation Director &

Madison Transportation Team