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2024-25 Magnet Transportation Information

General Information

- 1. Magnet transportation is provided for students living two or more miles from the school.
- 2. Parents should expect bus delays the first ten days of school while students learn magnet safety procedures.
- 3. Staffing is provided to answer phones at magnet schools and the magnet office until all magnet buses have completed afternoon routes during the first ten days of school.
- 4. Students are encouraged to pack bottled water in a sealed, plastic spill-proof container.

Neighborhood Bus

- 1. In the morning neighborhood buses transport all magnet students from a neighborhood bus stop to an assigned transfer ramp where students board a transfer bus to school.
- 2. In the afternoon students board the transfer buses from school to the assigned transfer ramp. The students then board neighborhood buses and are transported to the neighborhood stop.
- 3. Students may only be dropped off at the designated bus stop.
- 4. Students assigned to another bus stop may be picked up by an authorized adult at the transfer ramp with prior written approval of the school administrator. The adult must show an official photo I.D., such as a driver's license, and the student must provide the pass from the school. Contact a school administrator to make arrangements for pick up at the transfer ramp.

Bus Transfer Ramp

- 1. Magnet ramp locations and information are available on the transportation website at <u>Transportation</u> <u>Services / Resources (hillsboroughschools.org)</u>
- 2. Ramp transfer areas are gated and are supervised by school security, drivers, and magnet ramp lead drivers. Buses are not permitted to leave until all students are boarded and directed to do so by Magnet Ramp Lead Drivers.
- 3. Parents may designate the transfer ramp as a bus stop by contacting the school.
- 4. Parents arriving to the transfer ramp after the transfer is complete must transport their children to school.
- 5. Students are to be dropped off and picked up outside of the fenced area per the directions for each specific ramp. Students are not permitted to wait unsupervised at the ramp before or after school.
- 6. Students may not be dropped off before gates are opened.
- 7. Students should not walk between cars or through parking spaces.
- 8. Students who are not picked up at the transfer ramp will be transported to the assigned school or school security office after the driver completes the bus route.
- 9. After three late arrivals, parents will no longer be allowed to use the transfer ramp as a designated bus stop. Parents will be able to choose one of the following options:
 - a. Transport the child to and from school each day.
 - b. Use magnet neighborhood bus stops.
 - c. Enroll the child in the neighborhood school.
- 10. Parents and students who fail to follow the magnet ramp procedures may forfeit magnet transportation privileges.

If more information is needed, please contact the Transportation Office for your area.