

## Bristol Bus Information

A list has been given to the bus company of all St Paul's students eligible to use the bus. The list includes any students who were listed in our database as having a Bristol or Forestville address as of 8/2/2016. If you change your address, it is important to notify the school.

The Bristol Board of Education has released the bus schedule for Bristol residents for the upcoming school year. As a cost-saving measure, high school students from the same neighborhood will be bused together. Please be at your stop 5 minutes before the published time.

- St. Paul students living in the Bristol Central High School district will be transported to or walk to Bristol Central to pick up a transfer bus to St. Paul. The transfer bus will be situated in the back of the school by the cafeteria. Walkers must be ready to board the transfer buses no later than 7:15 a.m.
- St. Paul students living in the Bristol Eastern High School district will be transported to or walk to Bristol Eastern to pick up a transfer bus to St. Paul. The transfer bus will be situated near the front entrance. Walkers must be ready to board the transfer buses no later than 7:15 a.m.
- Even if they don't use the bus in the morning, students will need to know their morning route number (not the number painted on the bus) and bus stop so they can tell the driver in the afternoon.
- There will be two buses in the afternoon, one for the Central district and one for the Eastern district. Students will be transported back to their morning stop. Walkers will be transported back to the high school where they boarded the transfer bus. There is no transfer bus in the afternoon, and only St. Paul students will be riding. In the interests of getting all students home in a timely manner, for some students the afternoon stop may be at the entrance to their neighborhood, instead of at their morning stop.
- On Wednesday afternoons there will be only one bus for all Bristol students from St. Paul. On Wednesday afternoons, one week the students from the Central district will get home first, and the next week the students from the Eastern district will get home first. In other words, on alternating Wednesdays students will have either the usual ride to the location of their morning stop or may be on the bus until after 3:00 p.m.

For the most current schedules, please check the Bristol Public Schools Transportation webpage, <http://www.bristol.k12.ct.us/departments/transportation> . Scroll down to the Versatrans link, then login with Username: parent and Password: parent. Enter your student's grade, house number, and street name.

During late summer the Bristol transportation services department receives many calls daily. They ask for your cooperation and patience during this busy time of year. It is most helpful when you leave a message to provide your child's name, the school, your contact number and your concern. Please allow at least two days for a return call during this period of time. FIRST STUDENT BUS COMPANY 860-584-2225, BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION OFFICE 860-584-7030. You may also email your question and or concern to the Director of Transportation Services, Greg Boulanger at [gregboulanger@ci.bristol.ct.us](mailto:gregboulanger@ci.bristol.ct.us)

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Gunn at [egunn@spchs.com](mailto:egunn@spchs.com) or 860-584-0911 ext 20.

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