

## Bristol Bus Information

In late August, the Bristol Board of Education releases bus assignments for Bristol residents for the coming school year. A list of all St Paul's students eligible to use the Bristol bus will be given to the bus company. The list includes any students who are listed in our database as having a Bristol or Forestville address. If you change your address, it is important to notify the school in a timely manner.

In the morning, both public and St. Paul Catholic high school students from the same neighborhood will be picked up together at designated stops. Please be at your stop 10 minutes before the published time.

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.

- St. Paul students living in the Bristol Central High School district will be transported to or must 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 must 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 only use the bus in the afternoon, 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, rather than at their morning stop.
- On **Wednesday** afternoons there will be **only one bus** for all Bristol students from St. Paul. Students from the Central district will get home first one week and students from the Eastern district will get home first the alternate week. In other words, on alternating Wednesdays, students either will have the usual ride to their morning stop or they may be on the bus until after 3:00 p.m.

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, at: [BOETransportation@bristol.k12.org](mailto:BOETransportation@bristol.k12.org)

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Gunn at [egunn@spchs.com](mailto:egunn@spchs.com) or 860-584-0911 ext 28.

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