

PISD Increases Transportation Services for Students

Beginning August 16th, Palacios ISD will begin picking up students and transporting them to school from designated bus stops within the city limits on a limited basis.

The PISD Board of Trustees recently approved this plan which will provide morning school transportation for students who have in the past been ineligible. (Transportation for bus ineligible students will be provided only in the morning. Parents must find other means of transportation to get the students home in the afternoon.) The school district is hoping this will improve student attendance and help ensure that all children will be in class on time every day.

Bus transportation will be from designated neighborhood bus stops instead of door-to-door from individual homes. Hopefully most children will not have to walk any more than a few blocks in order to catch a bus at one of the newly designated bus stops. For most students living outside the city limits, bus pickup should not be affected. Those students will continue to be picked-up at approximately the same times and places as in previous years, although the bus number may change.

Parents and children may check the following newly designated bus stops to locate the one nearest your home:

1. **East Side Intermediate** – Central and secondary students may load 1A, 4A or 7A;
2. **Central Elementary** – Secondary students may load 1A, 3A, or 7A; East Side students may load 2A;
3. **708 W. Main Street** (near the corner of 8th and W. Main), East Side and Central students ride 1A, secondary students only ride 8B;
4. **200 Commerce** (corner of 2nd and Commerce), all students ride 1A;
5. **202 Welch** (corner of 2nd and Welch), all students ride 1A;
6. **915 Ritchie** (corner of 10th and Ritchie) 2A to pick up Central and East Side students; 3A will load junior high/high school students;
7. **138 Sandpiper Circle** (near Sandpiper apartment mailboxes and laundry room), 4A for Central and East Side students only;
8. **102 Windy Shore Lane** (near corner of Windy Shore Lane and E. Bayshore Drive), 8B for secondary students only;
9. **1418 Green Avenue** (corner of 12th and Green Ave), all students ride bus 4A;
10. **311 Green Avenue** (corner of Green Ave and 4th Street), all students ride bus 4A;
11. **301 Green Avenue** (corner of 3rd and Green Ave), all students ride bus 4A;
12. **300 E. Texas Ave.** (corner of Texas & Gray), all students ride bus 7A;
13. **Seashell Blvd.** (corner of Seashell & Gray, near Sea Crest Apt), all students ride bus 3A;
14. **301 University** (corner of University and Gray), all students ride bus 4A;
15. **1809 E. Bayshore Dr.** (corner of Matagorda and E. Bayshore Dr.), all students ride bus 4A;
16. **1205 Newsome** (corner of 12th and Newsom), all students ride bus 6A;
17. **907 Magnussen** (near corner of 10th and Magnussen), all students ride bus 6A;
18. **808 9th** (corner of 9th and Ritchie), all students ride bus 6A;
19. **910 9th Street** (corner of 9th and Moore), all students ride bus 6A;
20. **900 Morton** (corner of 9th and Morton), all students ride bus 6A;
21. **410 Welch** (corner of 4th and Welch), all students ride 6A;
22. **1308 6th Street** (corner of 6th and Henderson), junior/senior high students only will ride 7A;
23. **1700 Gray Street** (corner of Craymer & Grey), all students ride bus 8A;
24. **1207 2nd Street** (corner of 2nd and Magnussen), all students ride bus 8A;
25. **510 4th** (corner of Lucas and 4th), all students ride bus 8A;
26. **Junior high campus** – Central or East Side students may load 2A;

Your child's participation in this plan is strictly voluntary. We realize that it may not be convenient or conducive for every household. If parents feel their children might have to walk too far to catch the bus or that the bus picks up the children too early or too late, parents are still welcome to transport their children to school. We also realize that with starting anything new like this, there may be unforeseen problems. There may be some changes in bus routes and bus stops depending on the number of students who participate. It may take several days before we work out all the problems and finalize the routes and stops. During that time, we request your patience, help and understanding regarding this undertaking.

The safety of our students is of utmost concern. We ask that motorists be extra cautious while the school year is in progress of students walking and crossing streets. Please follow the traffic laws when buses are stopped, loading and unloading.

For additional or specific information, contact the Director of Transportation, Harry Rutledge at 972-5491 or the campus secretary where your child attends school.