

**Durham School Services
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For bus/boundary, rules/regulations and text alert sign up, please see the Ames Community School district information at:

<http://www.ames.k12.ia.us/parents/district-and-school-resources/busing-and-boundaries/>

For St. Cecilia School students, do not contact Dee Hehr as she is only for Ames Community School district parents. You must contact Durham School Services directly.

If at any time your student will not be riding the bus as scheduled, please notify Durham School Services.

Our Transportation Policy

The District provides transportation either directly or by reimbursement according to state law and Board policy, for all resident students, kindergarten through 12th grade, who qualify.

Elementary and middle school students must live more than two miles from the school designated for attendance.

High school students, grades nine–twelve, must live more than three miles from the school.

Other factors may determine a student's eligibility for transportation. The District determines eligibility for transportation as students register for transportation services and makes changes in eligibility only at the start of the school year or second semester.

Families **MUST** apply for busing during registration and re-enrollment each year, even if they applied for busing in the past.

For the 2018/19 school year, applications must be received by Durham School Services by August 8th. Applications received after August 8th are considered late, and will not be processed until after September 10th.

Discretionary Transportation

[The District makes transportation available to students who live nearer than the statutory distance.](#)

The student must live or have child care at a place that is near an existing bus route for which there is a seat available and is at least one-half mile from the school designated for attendance.

Durham School Services does not collect payment for Discretionary Transportation. Any payments will be handled by Ames Community School District.

Students may only have one morning pick up location, and one afternoon drop off location. For safety reasons, we can no longer accommodate requests to be picked up/dropped off at different locations on different days. Please plan accordingly.

Students are not allowed to use bus transportation to ride to a friend's home that is not on their assigned route.