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Tucson Unified School District provides the safest mode of transportation to and from school for more than 20,000 students. We serve the largest school district in southern Arizona with a fleet of over 300 buses and over 1,250 bus routes.

We provide an outstanding, nationally and state recognized training program for our drivers and monitors.

Who Can Ride The Bus?

Every student is assigned to a school based on their home address – this is the student’s Neighborhood School. All students who live within the boundaries of Tucson Unified School District are eligible to ride the bus to their Neighborhood School unless they are within walking distance. Walking distance is 2½ miles for middle and high school students, and 1½ miles for Elementary and K-8 students.

Bus Route Notification

The Transportation Department will notify parents of their child’s assigned bus route. Routing information is also available through Parent Access Accounts. Before the beginning of school, letters are mailed home to all eligible students who have been placed on a bus route.



**Need More Information?
Call our Transportation
customer service line
520-225-4800**

TucsonUnified.org/Transportation



Don’t forget to watch for our Enrollment Bus at events across Tucson!
Check our event schedule at TucsonUnified.org/EnrollmentBus



Transportation Options



Open Enrollment

Arizona allows students to apply for admission to any school. Tucson Unified does not offer transportation to open enrollment students except through the **Incentive Transportation** program. The School Choice Calculator will help determine if you qualify.



Incentive Transportation

Tucson Unified provides an incentive to diversify the student population by offering transportation to some students. The School Choice Calculator will help you determine if your child qualifies for this service. In this program, the district uses strategically placed, pre-determined stops, to pick up students. Parents must transport their child to these stops.



School Choice Calculator

The School Choice Calculator is an online tool to help determine if your child qualifies for free transportation through the Incentive Transportation Program.

**Check it out online at
TucsonUnified.org/schoolchoice**

**Call (520) 225-4800,
visit a school or one of our five
family resource centers for
additional information.**



EXPRESS Shuttle Service

It's FREE, QUICK and CONVENIENT

Sabino and Santa Rita High Schools, Magee Middle School and Drachman Montessori offer unique programs and courses you can't find anywhere else in Tucson Unified.

These buses allow for faster travel time with no stops. Plus, express shuttles are equipped with WiFi, so students can use their handheld devices to make the most of their commute. Get your students to one of the stops, and they'll be able to hop a quick shuttle to their school!

**Get complete information on
stops and schedules online at
TucsonUnified.org/EXPRESS**

Transportation Programs

There are a number of district programs that offer transportation to schools that are not the Neighborhood School and are not within walking distance.

- **Magnet** – Magnet programs provide a special field of study at specific schools. Transportation is available to all magnet students not within walking distance.
- **GATE** – Gifted and Talented Education offers self-contained programs at selected district schools. Students are provided transportation to these programs.
- **Special Programs** – Programs for students such as exceptional education, non-English speakers, etc. are placed across the district. Students are transported to the nearest site that supports their needs.