



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MILTON

July 2020

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 “BUY A SEAT PROGRAM”

1. What is the “Buy a Seat” on the bus program?

Families that are not eligible for free transportation may request transportation for a fee. Participation is limited to space available on the bus.

2. How do I know if I am eligible for District-provided transportation free of charge?

Students eligible for free transportation:

- a. Resident 4K-12 students whose primary address is two or more miles from their assigned school;
- b. Resident 4K-12 students whose primary address is in an Unusually Hazardous Transportation (UHT) area that is two miles or less from their assigned school; and
- c. Resident 4K-12 students who are administratively assigned to a school outside their attendance area and whose primary address is two or more miles from such school.

3. What do I do if I am not sure if my residence is eligible for free transportation?

You can call GO Riteway Transportation Group (“GO Riteway”) at (608) 868-4705 to inquire.

4. How do I know if I am eligible for transportation through “Buy a Seat”?

- a. Parents of non-resident students may request transportation to and from a stop within the boundaries that is on an existing route to their assigned school (this includes students in the open enrollment program).
- b. Parents of resident students who are not eligible for transportation may request to have their child transported to or from another eligible location on an existing route to their assigned school.
- c. Daycare facilities may annually request a stop at their place of business if the address is on the path of travel for a regular route (please see daycare list).

5. What is the annual fee?

The Board of Education approved, in June of 2020, the following optional fees:

- a. Morning (AM) only transport per child of \$100.00
- b. Afternoon (PM) only transport per child of \$100.00
- c. Both morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) transport per child of \$200.00
- d. Maximum per family cost is \$400.00
- e. Reduced fees available for qualifying families that submit the fee assistance form

The fee is based on ridership for the full school year and is not prorated. The fee is per child. Payment in full is required before services will be provided.

6. What if I provide childcare services at my residence or business?

Daycare facilities may annually request a stop at their place of business if the address is on the path of travel for a regular route. Please contact GO Riteway for more information at (608) 868-4705.

7. What if I requested my child attend a school outside of my attendance area?

Parents of students who are not eligible for transportation may request to have their child transported to or from another eligible location on an existing route within the new attendance area. For example, if your child has requested to attend Milton West, but your primary address is in Milton East attendance area, you can now buy a seat to an existing stop in Milton West attendance area.

8. What if my child attends 4K and I need transportation?

Mid-day transportation will be provided, within the attendance area, for the 4K students who meet the eligibility requirements. West and Consolidated are one attendance area for 4K purposes only. Limited transportation is available outside the attendance area, see number 6 above.

9. What is the application process for the 2020-2021 "Buy a Seat" program?

Families should complete one Private Transportation Contract for each student requesting transportation services. The link can be located on the District website (www.milton.k12.wi.us) – go to District and then click on Transportation. Contract and payment must be submitted together between August 3 -7, 2020. GO Riteway will contact you by August 21st to let you know if there is room on the bus. In rare instances, denials may also need to be communicated to requesters.

A completed contract and full payment received at the District office between August 3-7, 2020, will be processed and approved riders will be routed the first day of school. Contracts and payment received after August 7th will be routed on September 14, 2020.

10. Will my child be guaranteed a seat on the bus for the entire 2020-2021 school year?

While we do not anticipate having to notify a family that their transportation can no longer be accommodated during the school year, the possibility does exist. Should eligible residents move into the District or should there be a need to change routes, families will be notified in a reasonable timeline and fees will be refunded on a quarterly basis.

11. Will we need to reapply annually?

Yes, each new school year will require reapplication.

12. If you have questions regarding ridership through this program, please contact Greg Mueller, Terminal Manager at GO Riteway at (608) 868-4705. If you have questions regarding payment, please contact Rhonda Schulze at the District Office (Business Services) at (608) 868-9204.