

Dear Jump Start Family,

According to our information you have inquired about having your 4 year old child use district bus transportation, either one way or both ways, to Jump Start to Kindergarten. Please note the pick up and drop off locations will be the same as the regular route bus for students in grades K-6. This means that your 4 year old will not be dropped off at your home address unless that is already the designated bus stop on your street.

We have checked with the State Department of Minnesota and although it is legal to transport 4 year old pre-school students on a regular bus route if there is space, there is a significant safety risk involved. Presently we know that K-3 students are at most risk of all students while riding on a school bus. This is because their cognitive development of risk, spatial awareness and traffic familiarity has not yet happened.

If you do choose to have your 4 year old ride the regular school bus, we want parents to know you are responsible for the safety of your child until they get on the bus and after they get off the bus. Roseville Area Schools is only liable for student safety for the time the child is actually riding on the bus. We expect you to escort your child to and from the bus stop and to be aware that if you choose not to do this, Roseville Schools is not responsible for your child during the time they are walking to or from the bus stop. Our goal is make sure children arrive at school and home safely and we ask for your help to ensure your child's safety.

If you would like to arrange for your Jump Start to Kindergarten child to ride the route bus, then please fill out the Transportation Health form, attach this letter, and return it to:

Roseville Area Schools
Attn: Transportation
1251 County Road B-2 West
Roseville, MN 55113

Also, please know that bus transportation is only available to those families who live in the school attendance areas of their Jump Start sites. If you should move out of the attendance area, we would not be able to continue bussing your child.

If you have questions regarding this information please contact Tanya at 651-604-3511.

Sincerely,

Stacey Dahlstrom
Jump Start to Kindergarten manager