



September 3, 2021

Dear Deep Springs Elementary Families:

As you know, the health and safety of our students is our number one priority here at Deep Springs Elementary. I am writing to make you aware of an upcoming change in how we handle buses that are canceled in the mornings or delayed in the afternoon.

It's no secret that our district is struggling to hire employees who are critical to the success of our school system i.e. bus drivers, cafeteria workers, substitutes, etc. The recent surge in bus cancellations and delays has caused us to reexamine our current processes of how students come to school if their morning bus is canceled and we dismiss students from school when their bus is late/delayed.

Effective Tuesday, September 7 2021

Morning Bus Cancellations: Typically, the district will notify the media and begin automated calling of households when they know of a canceled morning bus. They also post morning cancellations on their webpage and Facebook. If this impacts your child, we ask that you do everything you can to get them to school a different way. However, we understand that can be an impossibility depending on extenuating circumstances. Students that can't get school because of a canceled morning bus will be marked as having an 'Excused Absence' and will not be penalized. As always, keep having that great communication with your child's teacher as well as our office staff if this impacts you.

Afternoon Bus Delays: As soon as homeroom teachers are notified about a delayed bus (typically between 1pm & 1:30pm), they will notify those impacted families via Talking Points text. Again, the district will also notify the media and post on their webpage and Facebook. For those families who would like to pick up their child, we will begin a dismissal process just for those impacted students/families at 3pm *after* our normal dismissal process has concluded. Unless there's an emergency, please do not come to school before 3pm to pick up your child as it interferes with our normal dismissal process creating an unsafe situation for everyone. At 3pm, you may park your car and come up to the front door of the building. Press the doorbell button - someone will greet you and check your ID. Anyone picking up a student will be asked to show their ID. Once your ID has been checked, your child will be brought out to you. This would be a great time to double check that we have your current phone number and to add anyone of your child's pick up list that isn't already on there. If you choose to have your child wait on the delayed bus, they will be dropped off at their normal afternoon bus stop, however, the times will vary depending on availability of the drivers.

Thanks so much for your support as we work collaboratively to ensure all of our Deep Springs students stay safe, despite bus issues. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at (859) 381-3069 or adam.kirk@fayette.kyschools.us

Sincerely,

Adam Kirk

Deep Springs Elementary Principal