

Annual Ridership Reporting

Each year, during the fall, the Transportation Department collects data on the number of students riding buses. This data is then used as the basis for input to the OSPI's Ridership Report. The significance of this report is profound. Based on the ridership and route data we provide in this report, the state then allocates funds to the District at a comparable level, (i.e., the lower the figures, the lower the dollar allocation to the District).

During the last week of September, the Transportation Department will gather figures on the actual number of students riding buses.

Due to normally good weather during this period, the actual ridership on buses is down and a true reflection of how many students really ride the buses one month later in colder weather and throughout the year is not accurately accounted for. The reasons for this are obvious - many students are still walking to school, riding bikes, or participating in the heavy fall sports programs. Unfortunately, we have no choice as to when this report is submitted.

In an attempt to provide OSPI with a true reflection of our actual number of bus riders, it is encouraged that students who normally ride regular routes do so during the last week of September. Communication that may promote this is sent out to the schools for student body/parent dissemination.