



Mobile County Public School System

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Parents of Magnet School Students who Attend

Clark School of Math, Science and Technology
Dunbar School of Creative and Performing Arts
Phillips Preparatory School

Dear Parents:

The Mobile County Public School System has received notification, from the Alabama State Department of Education, that funding changes have been made for transportation route types. Students enrolled in magnet schools must be transported from their zoned schools in the morning and returned to their zoned schools in the afternoon in order for transportation costs to be fully funded by the State Department of Education's Transportation Operations Budget. If the thirty-nine (39) magnet school buses are not funded, it could result in a loss of \$2 million to the school system.

Therefore, magnet school routes must be changed in order for the school system to continue to receive full funding. ***Parents who need magnet school transportation for their child/children must complete the attached form and return it to the magnet school the student is attending no later than Wednesday, September 3, 2008.*** The magnet schools will be notified of the new pick-up and drop-off times at the students' zoned schools. ***The target date to begin the new routes is Monday, September 8, 2008.***

Transportation will be provided from the zoned school that serves the student's residence to the magnet school the student is attending. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to get the student to the zoned school in the mornings in time to board the bus that will transport him/her to the magnet school. It is also the parent/guardian's responsibility to be at the zoned school in the afternoon to pick the student up when the bus arrives. Since your child is not enrolled in the zoned school, he/she cannot remain on the zoned school's campus after their return in the afternoon.

If you have any questions, please contact Route Specialist, Mary Ann Gill or Transportation Coordinator, Sadie Cates at 221-5260.

Sincerely,

Sadie Cates, Transportation Coordinator

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