

2016-17 School Transportation Information

Route information will be available to parents as of **August 19, 2016** via the online Parent Portal. Schools may have access to some routes prior to this date, through the school web portal www.ostabusplanner.ottawaschoolbus.ca or via OSTA's website link to the Parent Portal Log In.

Student Transportation information can also be found using the “**Stop Finder**” located on the main page of our website, which will link to the “**BusPlanner – Parent Portal**”. The parent must enter the student's last name, birthdate, school and grade in order to access route and stop information. The “**Stop Finder**” feature returns bus stop and route information for eligible students who are assigned to regular yellow school bus or small school purpose vehicle service.

School Bus Safety Awareness Day (First Time Rider Program)

This year's School Bus Safety Awareness Day is scheduled for Sunday, **August 28, 2016** and will run at six sites across the city in 45 minute sessions from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This important safety program is geared primarily for parents and children new to school bus transportation and for all elementary school- aged children who ride a school bus. Families and students can register to attend at one of the following site:

Woodroffe H.S	2410 Georgina Dr., Ottawa	613-821-1414 Call to Register
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Kindergarten Staggered Entry and ID

School bus routes are planned according to the number of registered students in the data system from May to July 2016.

For new and returning Kinder students you MUST meet the student at their stop in the afternoon. Failure to do so could result in termination of transportation services and/or the child being dropped off at the nearest police station.

OSTA will be providing bright yellow plastic tags that should be attached to any KG student's backpack (preferably on the lower left side). These will assist the drivers in making sure a responsible person designated by the parent, or the parent, is at the stop to collect the student at their drop off point, per policy.