

Ida Public Schools

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Sandra K. Kreps, *Superintendent*

Dear Parents:

I would like to thank the parents who contacted us and shared concerns about buses and student numbers. For parents who might not be aware, the Director of Transportation is John Elkins and he can be reached at 734-868-6120.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience as bus runs were adjusted, last spring and this fall, due to staffing and counts. This might have meant new bus drivers, new bus numbers and/or a change in student numbers. Change can be difficult.

An addition this year; Mr. Elkins is working with each building principal in regards to bus safety. If you have any concerns regarding your child feeling safe on the bus, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Elkins.

Student Counts: Mr. Elkins does a student roll count to adjust runs as needed. (See table below) Although regulation says no higher than 71, he tries to go no higher than 50 to 60. **This fall Bus 9 was at 70.8 so an adjustment was made earlier in the year and the number is now 58 for the afternoon and 54.4 % overall. The table below reflects the original fall count number. Ida's overall average is 48 students per run.

Something you can do to help us is to keep your address and pickup/drop off information current. Original counts are determined on the addresses we have in eSchool. Also, if pickups or drop offs are different than your address, please let transportation know. This is helpful information.

Mr. Elkins will be conducting another count in early December. Numbers can fluctuate due to athletic seasons and school activities.

Bus Runs: We had 19 bus runs at the end of the 2018-19 school year and this year we have 18 bus runs. In 2018, we dropped one run, due to a staff shortage. In 2019-20 we dropped one run due to numbers and staffing.

We did comparisons to other districts and numbers. We are below averages and have more bus runs per student, than most, for a district our size and even larger.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Elkins.

Sincerely,


Sandy Kreps

****Please see sentence above with stars to explain Bus 9 adjustments.**

Below is a table with the reported numbers for morning and afternoon and the average of both. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Elkins at the number listed in the first paragraph of this letter.

Legal Limit: 71 students

Ida's Fall Bus Count

	Sep 9-13		
BUS	AM	PM	AVG
2	34.5	37.4	36.0
3	44.2	46	45.1
6	46.25	56.75	51.5
9	50.75	70.8	60.8
10	50.6	42	46.3
11	34.6	45.2	39.9
12	43.25	47	45.1
13	50	49	49.5
15	41.4	35.2	38.3
17	53.5	53	53.3
18	56.75	57.2	57.0
19	61	50.2	55.6
20	38.2	41.6	39.9
21	41.25	46.6	43.9
22	60.4	67.4	63.9
23	52.6	52.6	52.6
25	46.6	50.4	48.5
26	38	37.75	37.9
			
Totals	843.85	886.1	865.0
Avg	46.881	49.228	48.1