



# Lansing USD 469 Transportation

Jim Slapper, Director of Transportation

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1. The Transportation Department consists of three full-time staff - Jim Slapper, Director; Janine Shields, Routing Coordinator/Payroll/Dispatch/Bus Driver; Jeff Bohnsack, Mechanic/Bus Driver; and 39 part-time employees. We employ bus drivers, monitors, and crossing guards.
2. As you drive around other districts, you might notice all the "Bus Driver Wanted" signs. Some school districts have had to use the National Guard to drive the buses due to the shortage of drivers. Currently, Lansing USD469 is in decent shape with the number of drivers we have. However, we will have at least two drivers retire at the end of the school year. We are always looking to hire more drivers.
3. The Transportation Department is heavily regulated by the State and Federal governments when it comes to obtaining a CDL (Commercial Driver's License). All drivers must pass a written test and then are required to have at least 15 hours of behind-the-wheel training before they can take the CDL driving test. Before receiving their CDL, they must pass the required DOT physical and take the Truckers Against Trafficking class.
4. When a new driver is hired, they must pass the pre-employment drug and alcohol screening. They must then be trained in CPR/First Aid. An 8-hour AAA (American Auto Association) Defensive driving class is also mandatory. During the school year, the driver must attend ten safety meetings.
5. The Transportation Department is audited by the State for all these requirements each year.
6. The Transportation Department currently has 34 buses and seven fleet vehicles. We run 27 routes daily with an average of 800 miles a day, and we have four activity buses. In September and October, our buses ran approximately 45,000 miles between routes and activity trips.
7. Our buses have a scan card system called "Transportant." Each bus is equipped with at least three video cameras and a GPS that tracks the bus speed and students' current location. Students are issued a card that is kept on the bus to scan when they get on and off the bus. Parents are then notified via the Bus Compass app where their student is currently located. At present, we have over 1380 cards assigned to students.
8. The average age of our bus fleet is 11.7 years, and we currently have a bus rotation program in place. Our budget is about \$175,000 a year. With that money, we can purchase four used buses that are three to four years old. We then sell four of our older buses, which keeps our buses' average age below twelve years.
9. We expect the Lansing School District to continue to grow. We see new neighborhoods being built and have provided a map of the current ones that are growing and the future ones that are planned. With this growth, we will need to add more buses into our fleet to be able to cover these new areas. Our buses are close to being at capacity right now.
10. The biggest challenge for the Transportation Department is our parking lot at the Bus Barn. We have no more room to expand. With the new neighborhoods being built, we will need more buses. The current location of the Bus Barn will not support any more buses. Right now, we have had to park extra buses in other parts of the district.

### New Neighborhoods Being Built in Lansing USD 469



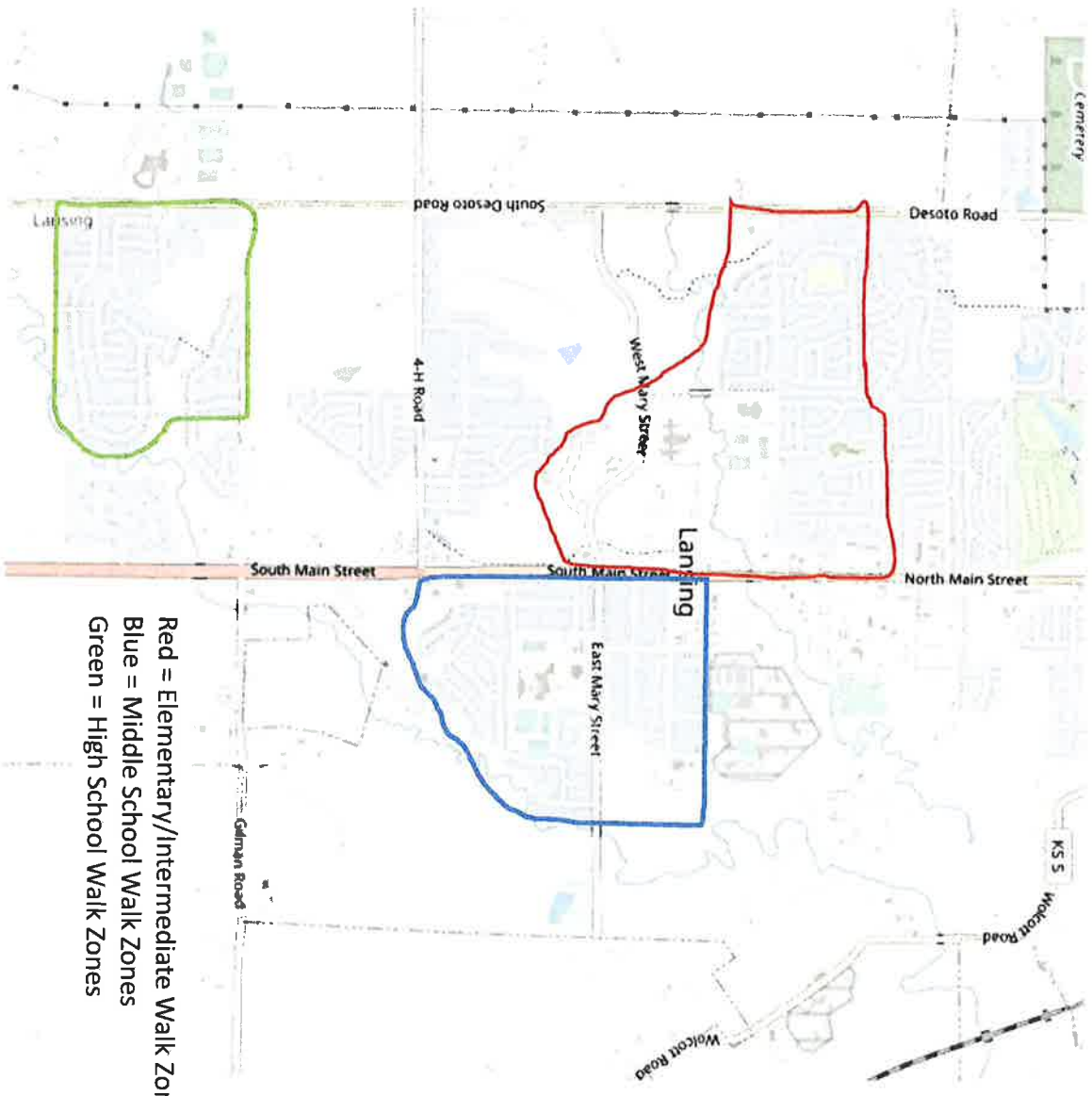
Per USD 469 District Policy, only students who live in the district can receive transportation services.

Students who live in a walk zone may not receive transportation.

The cost to register is \$25.00 per family if registered before Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. After that date the cost will be increased to \$35.00 per family.

Fees do not need to be paid at the time of registration. They will be added into Skyward at a later date.

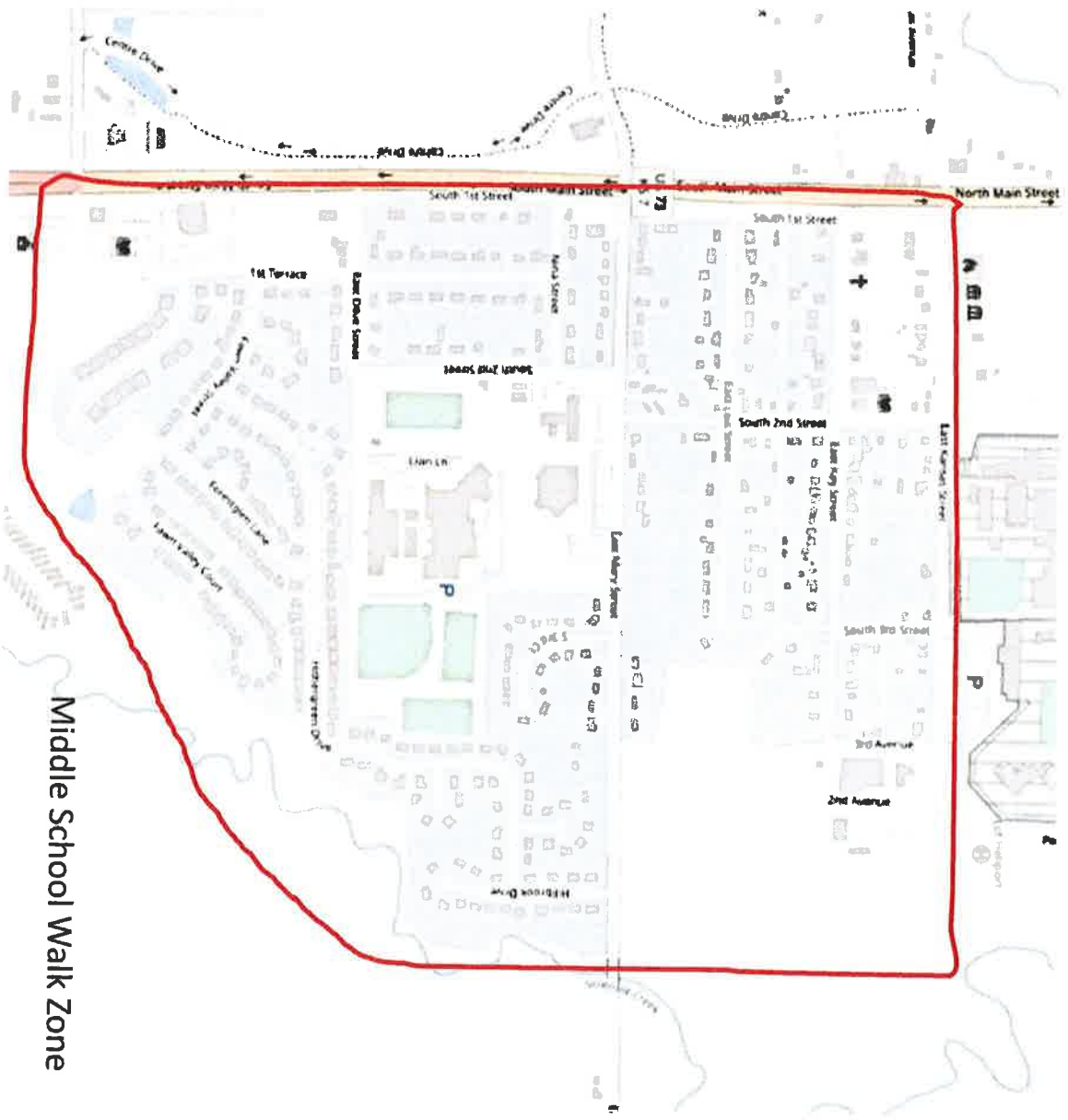
Exceptions will be made to new families moving into the District.



Red = Elementary/Intermediate Walk Zones  
 Blue = Middle School Walk Zones  
 Green = High School Walk Zones



High School Walk Zone



Middle School Walk Zone

