

Northwestern School Corporation

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Dear Northwestern School Corporation Parents and Caregivers,

Northwestern School Corporation is happy to announce the adoption of an innovative mobile device app and website for the remainder 2017-18 school year, entitled, ***Here Comes the Bus***®.

Here Comes the Bus is a bus tracking software tool that helps to keep you informed and your children safe as they travel to and from home and school on the school bus. ***Here Comes the Bus*** gives you real-time bus location and alerts to help you get your children to the bus stop just ahead of the bus's arrival.


This easy-to-use technology is **free** to you! Simply download the ***Here Comes the Bus*** app, create a secure account, add your students, and you're all set!

What will you see with ***Here Comes the Bus***?

- Real-time location of your child's bus on a map
- Scheduled and actual bus arrival times at home or pick-up/drop-off location
- Confirmation that your child's bus has arrived at the designated stop
- Push notification* and email alert when the bus has entered the radius around the home stop

Here Comes the Bus is powered by **Synovia Solutions**™, makers of the GPS-tracking technology used by Northwestern School Corporation to increase safety and cost savings as it relates to our school bus fleet. Available in (3) languages (English, Spanish, and French), the ***Here Comes the Bus*** app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

How to get started:

- 1) Download the Here Comes the Bus app* or visit <http://www.herecomesthebus.com>
- 2) Click the  button
- 3) Enter school code **85040** and click **NEXT** followed by **CONFIRM**
- 4) Complete the **USER PROFILE** box, check "*I accept the Terms of Use Agreement*" and click **SUBMIT**
- 5) Under "*My Students*", click **ADD**. Enter your child's last name and student food service keypad number (this 6-digit number can be found on Skyward Family Access under the Food Service tab)
- 6) Once you confirm your information, you're ready to begin using ***Here Comes the Bus***.

Should you have any questions, please contact Linda Bishop in the Transportation Office by phone at 452-3075, ext. 1105, or through email at linda.bishop@nwsc.k12.in.us

Sincerely,

Blake Betzner,
Director of Operations

*Push notifications only available on iPhone & Android devices.

