



Monday, October 17, 2022

Dear Students and Families Impacted by Bus 119 and Bus 130 Cancellations,

As you know, in response to continued bus driver shortages, Peoria Unified's transportation department suspended bus service through December of 2022 for students riding Buses 119 and 130. We are hopeful that staffing increases might allow for a faster resumption of service, but in the meantime, we are **reaching out to offer an additional resource for families impacted by the cancellations:**

Beginning today, **students who ride Bus 119 or Bus 130 may arrive earlier and stay later to accommodate their parents' work schedules and transportation needs.** I want to thank our English Teacher, Dr. Robert Scott, for offering to provide early morning supervision daily beginning at 6:00am. Dr. Scott will also provide afternoon supervision on every day except Wednesdays, from 2:30 – 4pm. A number of students and parents have indicated that these extended hours would help them:

Bus 119 and 130 Supervision with Dr. Scott **Room 506**

Before School (Daily)
6 – 7am

After School (M, Tu, Th, F)
2:30 – 4pm

I know that many of our parents and students are deeply inconvenienced by these cancellations. Our district's leaders and transportation staff are working every day to hire and train more drivers. I appreciate your patience and partnership as we work together through this challenge. If you have any questions, please call our office at 623-412-4400.

Mr. Hollabaugh
Principal



Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Dear Families and Bus 119 and Bus 130 Riders,

As you know, school districts around the state and country are experiencing a shortage of bus drivers. In August, Peoria Unified had to suspend a handful of routes across the district. While we continue to advertise for and hire new bus drivers during this driver shortage, we are adjusting our current bus schedule for the remainder of the semester to accommodate additional drivers who will be out on FMLA in the weeks ahead.

Effective Monday, Oct. 17, we will be reinstating the six buses that have been suspended since August to provide those families some relief. As we are still experiencing a shortage in bus drivers, we will need to cancel alternate bus routes for the remainder of the fall semester beginning Monday, Oct. 17.

The following is a list of bus routes which will be cancelled beginning on Monday, Oct. 17 and will remain cancelled for the fall semester (through December of 2022). Students riding on these routes will need to have an alternate form of transportation to and from school. This does NOT include special education routes, as we will continue to transport students with special needs.

SCHOOL	BUS ROUTES CANCELLED MONDAY, OCT. 17
Apache Elementary School	Bus 111
Centennial High School	Bus 119, Bus 130
Country Meadows Elementary School	Bus 119
Coyote Hills Elementary School	Bus 28
Desert Harbor Elementary School	Bus 130
Desert Valley Elementary School	Bus 129
Frontier Elementary School	Bus 70, Bus 119, Bus 128
Ira A. Murphy Elementary School	Bus 129
Ironwood High School	Bus 129
Lake Pleasant Elementary School	Bus 254, Bus 261
Liberty High School	Bus 30, Bus 77, Bus 128, Bus 254, Bus 260, Bus 261
Parkridge Elementary School	Bus 28, Bus 77
Paseo Verde Elementary School	Bus 130
Peoria High School	Bus 126
Pioneer Elementary School	Bus 126
Raymond S. Kellis High School	Bus 28, Bus 111
Sky View Elementary School	Bus 126
Sun Valley Elementary School	Bus 111
Sunrise Mountain High School	Bus 65, Bus 70, Bus 120
Sunset Heights Elementary School	Bus 65, Bus 120
Vistancia Elementary School	Bus 30, Bus 77, Bus 260
Zuni Hills Elementary School	Bus 70, Bus 128, Bus 261

For the current school year, we are continuing to evaluate our hiring and recruitment process, increasing our advertising to seek bus driver applicants, and reforming the Transportation Department employee group to discuss any improvements or adjustments that need to be made for efficiency. We also have a top-rated bus trainer that comes highly recommended to assist our new drivers.

We are still actively recruiting for drivers for the November training class if you know anyone who wants to support students. If they do not have a CDL, our on-site training staff will be able to assist them in obtaining their CDL.

If you or someone you know wants a rewarding career supporting our students as a bus driver, please share this information with them and direct them to [our website to apply](#).

As a reminder, Peoria Unified encourages families to download the **Edulog Parent Portal app** which provides parents bus announcements, bus information, as well as time and location information for your child's bus ride to and from school. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Information on the Edulog Parent Portal app is available on the district's website at www.peoriaunified.org/transportation.

Thank you for your patience as we work to address this staffing shortage.

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