



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is excited to continue the **OSSE Parent Portal** ([osse.dc.gov/page/osse-parent-portal](https://osse.dc.gov/page/osse-parent-portal)) as a tool for transportation services. This portal is a user-friendly online tool that empowers parents and guardians of students with active individualized education programs (IEPs) that include transportation services to choose their transportation preference for the 2025-26 Extended School Year (ESY) and 2026-27 school year.

Parents will be invited to make their 2025-26 ESY selections beginning March 26, 2026 and 2026-27 school year selections on April 8, 2026.

The portal puts you in the driver's seat by empowering you to share accurate information and choose the transportation option that works best for your child and your family. The portal allows families to confirm or update details and select the best transportation option for their child.

With the OSSE Parent Portal, you can choose your child's preferred transportation services and provide specific pickup and drop-off addresses for the next school year. Families who do not request services for their students will be removed from our existing bus routes. This will allow more timely and efficient services for students who need them.

### TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN THE PORTAL

You will be asked to choose one of the following for your eligible child to indicate your preference for the upcoming ESY and school year transportation services:

- 1. Will Not Need Transportation:** My student will not use any OSSE transportation services.
- 2. Parent Stipend Program:** I will transport my student to/from school and receive a monthly stipend.  
(Note: Parents currently enrolled in the 2025-26 school year stipend program and are eligible for 2025-26 ESY will have their parent stipend submission automatically rollover for ESY. Parents currently enrolled in the 2025-26 school year stipend program must still submit their preference to confirm participation in the 2026-27 school year and upload supporting documentation in the parent portal. Additionally, regular student attendance is required and will be verified monthly.)
- 3. DOT Transportation:** OSSE-Division of Student Transportation (OSSE-DOT) will transport my student to/from their enrolled school (via yellow school bus or other OSSE-designated vehicle). I will provide the necessary home address and school address details.

### NEED HELP SUBMITTING YOUR PREFERENCE?

OSSE offers training videos in the portal to support families in completing their submission.

In addition, OSSE will provide in-person technical support to families for ESY transportation from April 14-23:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4–7 p.m.

And in-person technical support to families for 2026-27 school year transportation in June and July:

- **June 9-18** - Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4–7 p.m.
- **July 14-23** - Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4–7 p.m.

All sessions will be held at OSSE headquarters, 1050 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20002.  
For questions or more information, call the OSSE Parent Resource Center at (202) 576-5000.



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