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EBR Schools Transportation Announces Opt-Out Program

BATON ROUGE, LA. — The East Baton Rouge Parish School System has introduced a new <u>Transportation Opt-Out Program</u> for the upcoming 2025-26 school year.

The program allows families to decline school bus services if they do not plan to use them. This initiative is designed to enhance the efficiency of the EBR Transportation Department, which safely transports thousands of students to and from school each day.

The opt-out program targets families who plan to provide alternative transportation for their students. By participating in the program, families will help the district reduce the number of buses in operation, improve route planning accuracy, and shorten travel times for students who rely on bus services.

Key Information for Families

- **Flexibility to Opt Back In**: If transportation needs change, families can easily opt back into bus services by contacting the Transportation Department.
- **Field Trips and Activities**: Opting out applies only to daily school transportation. Students will still have access to district transportation for field trips, athletic events and other school-sponsored activities.

Students Within 1-Mile Radius: The Louisiana Department of Education states that students living within a one-mile radius of their home school are responsible for their transportation.

Families interested in opting out or seeking more information can visit the <u>transportation</u> <u>website</u>. EBR Schools looks forward to partnering with families to ensure a successful start to the 2025-26 school year.