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City Prepares for School to Begin

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg reminds motorists and all residents that the new school year is right around the corner.

The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) is gearing up to safely transport thousands of students to and from school each day. HDPT runs 42 buses throughout the city and starting Tuesday, August 23, motorists are encouraged to be vigilant and watch for buses, students waiting at their bus stops, bicyclists, and pedestrians commuting from their neighborhoods to school.

In addition to HDPT getting prepared, the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) will also be proactively monitoring school bus routes to watch for motorists not stopping for buses.

It is required by law for all motorists to stop their vehicles when approaching from any direction, any school bus that is stopped on any highway, private road or school driveway for the purpose of taking on or letting off children. The driver of the vehicle does not need to stop only when the school bus is stopped in the opposite lane of travel with a divided highway or physical barrier in between. To view the full text of Virginia Code Section 46.2-859, visit <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title46.2/chapter8/section46.2-859>.

In Harrisonburg, the morning school bus routes run from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and the afternoon routes run from 2:30 p.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m.

Stay tuned to the latest news and announcements from HDPT by visiting their [website](#) or following them on [social media](#).

*Situated on a 16-acre site, the **Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation’s** newly constructed and award-winning administrative and maintenance facilities are home to approximately 120 employees and 117 buses, both school and transit buses. To learn more about HDPT, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT or to follow them on social media visit their [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) sites.*



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