

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Merrillville Community School Corporation is happy to announce the adoption of an innovative mobile device app and website entitled, Here Comes the Bus®.

Here Comes the Bus is a bus and tracking software tool that help 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 at just the right time.

This easy-to-use technology is free to you. Simply download the Here Comes the Bus app, create a secure account, and 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 and school
- Confirmation that your child's bus has arrived at the bus stop, at school or both
- Your child's scan data including bus number, time and location of scan
- Push notification* and email alert when:
 - Bus has entered the radius around the home stop
 - Bus has been substituted

Here Comes the Bus is powered by Synovia Solutions™, makers of the GPS-tracking technology used by Merrillville Community School Corporation to increase safety and cost savings as it relates to our school bus fleet.

To sign up or to learn more about Here Comes the Bus, visit <http://www.herecomesthebus.com>.

1. Download Here Comes the Bus app or visit [herecomesthebus.com](http://www.herecomesthebus.com)
2. Click the "Sign Up" button
3. Enter school code **6601** and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
4. Complete the "User Profile" box
5. Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number
6. Once you confirm your information, you're ready to begin

Should you have any questions, please contact MCSC Transportation Department via email, transportation@mvsc.k12.in.us or by phone at 219-650-5311

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