

Williamson County Schools

Bus Pilot Program

Current State of Tennessee Standards for General Education Bus Riders

- Per Tennessee State Law, students shall not be allowed to ride the bus more than 1.5 hours to school or more than 1.5 hours from school.
- Per Tennessee State Law, students who attend their zoned school and who live more than 1.5 miles from the school are eligible for bus service.

Current Williamson County Schools Standards for General Education Bus Riders

- Students residing inside subdivisions may walk up to .25 miles to the bus stop.
- The district strives to keep the time on the bus at no more than 60 minutes to school or from school.

Bus Pilot Plan

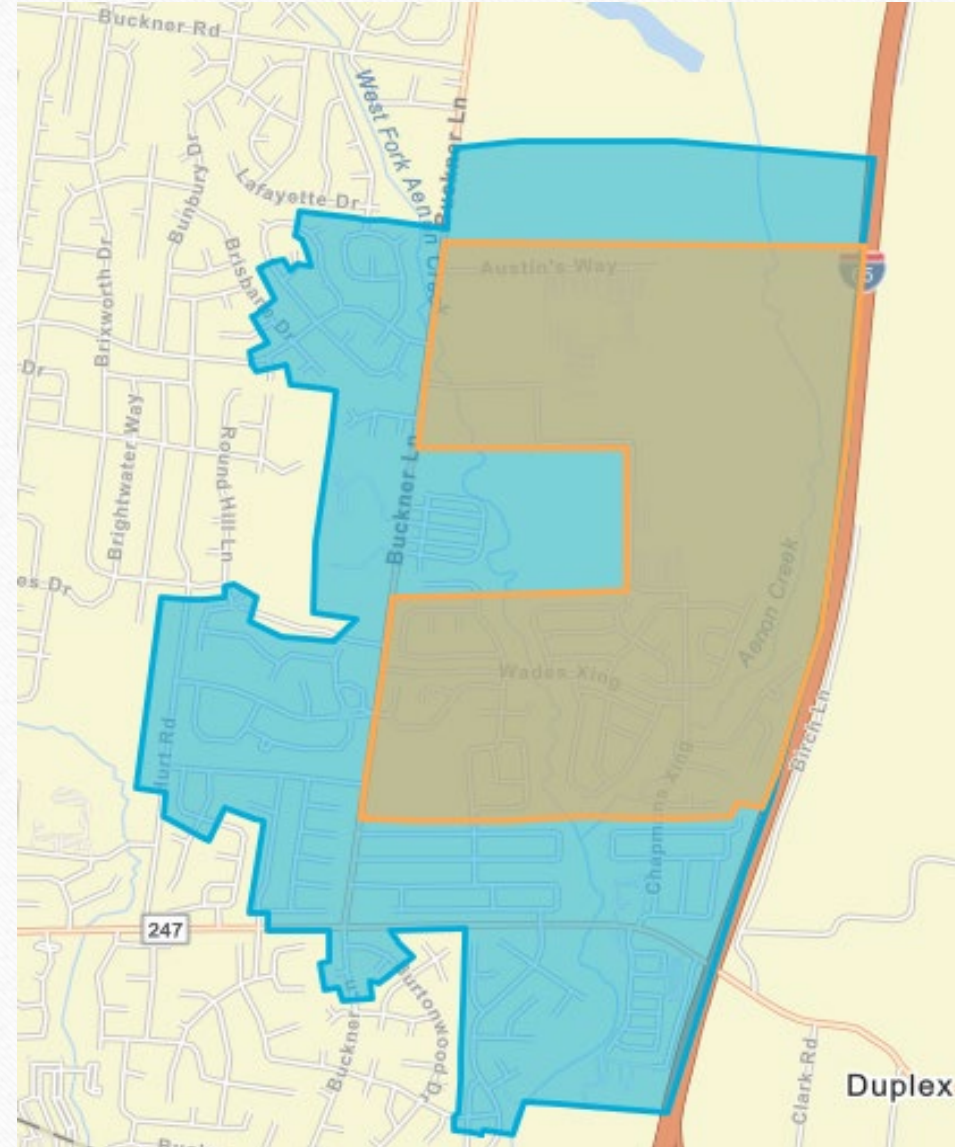
- To present to the School Board at the November 16th Work Session a pilot plan for a bus route area that includes route changes that might immediately, positively affect bus route completion times.
- Methods to be considered are:
 - Reducing bus stops inside subdivisions
 - Creating hub stops at neighborhood pools, gazebos, or playgrounds
 - Implementing a Parent Responsibility Zone

Bus Pilot Plan

- By May 2024, present to the School Board a system-wide recommendation for improving transportation service.
- The plan will incorporate all identified factors including but not limited to:
 - Data obtained in the pilot
 - Driver shortage strategies
 - External resource and stakeholder engagement

Summit High & Spring Station Middle 1.5 Mile Maximum Parent Responsibility Zone vs. Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

- Map shows the full 1.5-mile Parent Responsibility Zone with the smaller Pilot Zone.
- For the purposes of the pilot, we do not recommend using the full zone in the middle of the school year due to parents pre-set schedules.

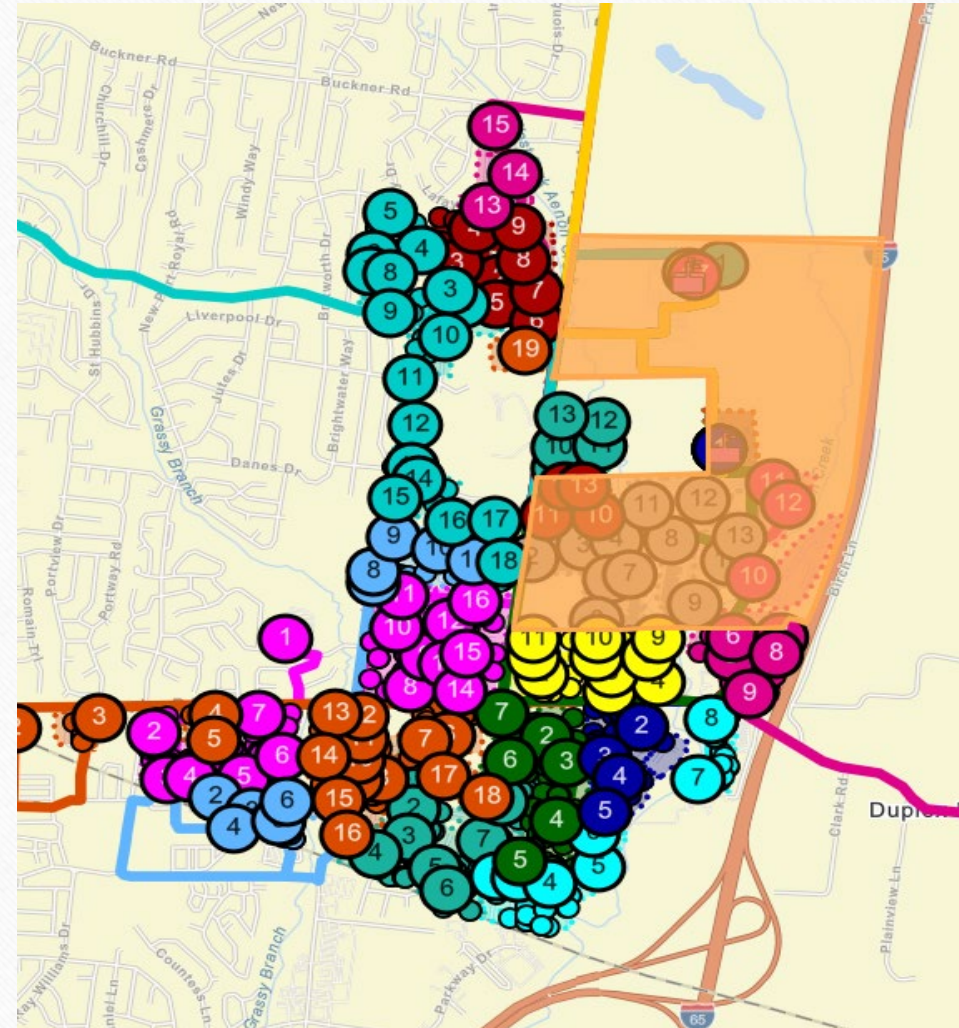


Summit High & Spring Station Middle Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

Areas that would not receive bus service in the Pilot:

Wades Grove on Bus 41's 1st Load, a portion of Bus 45's 1st Load, and a portion of Bus 118

Potential Results: Reduces the number of 1st and 2nd load buses from five to four. Adding bus stops to buses 45 and 118 further improves service in other areas of the zone.



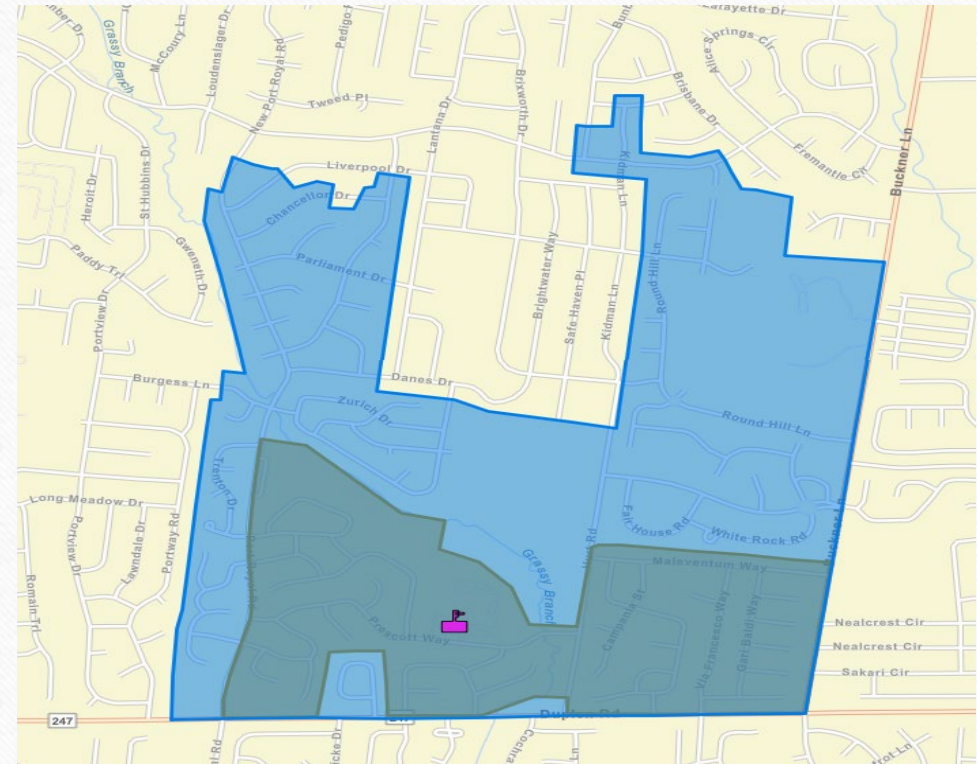
Summit High & Spring Station Middle Potential Pilot Areas for Neighborhood Hub Stops

- Benevento: Bus 38's 1st Load
- Buckner Crossing: Bus 41's 2nd Load
- Chapmans Crossing: Bus 118
- Chapmans Retreat: Bus 45's 2nd Load
- Cherry Grove: Bus 45's 1st Load and Bus 209's 1st Load
- Dakota Pointe: Bus 41's 2nd Load
- Port Royal Estates: Bus 10's 2nd Load
- Spring Hill Place: Bus 10's 2nd Load and Bus 209's 1st Load

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Allendale Elementary Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

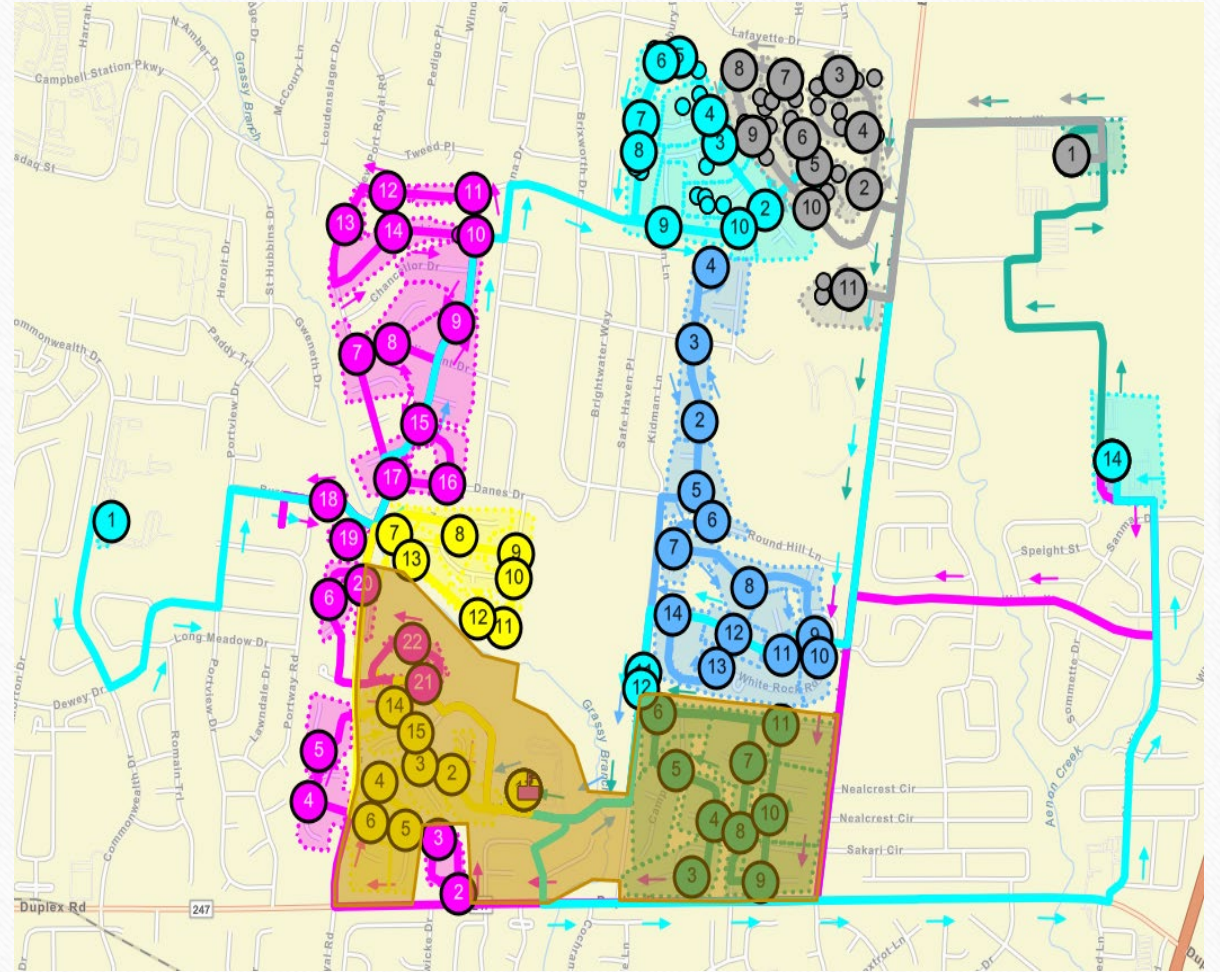
Areas that would not receive bus service in the Pilot:

Wyngate Estates east of New Port Royal Rd on Bus 41's 1st Load and Bus 136's 2nd Load

Augusta Trace (no current stops)

Benevento and Benevento East on Bus 38's 1st Load

Potential Results: Reduces the number of buses with 1st and 2nd loads from four buses to two potentially improving service at other schools.



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Potential Pilot Areas for Neighborhood Hub Stops

- Cherry Grove: Bus 136's 1st Load and Bus 45's 2nd Load
- Spring Hill Place: Bus 38's 2nd Load
- Wyngate Estates—The Parks: Bus 136's 2nd Load

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Next Steps

- Feedback
 - Box for comment sheets or email: bus.pilot@wcs.edu
- November 16th Work Session Presentation
- Communicate with Families before Winter Break
- Implement pilot area(s) starting January 3, 2024