

Gloucester Public Schools

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Very recently, the school district was made aware of newly imposed weight limits on the Blynman Bridge. These limits were mandated by the State of Mass. As a result, bus routes have been altered so that the bridge is avoided by all school busses. It is, of course, necessary that certain bus routes will need to have their times adjusted or their bus stops changed. This is true for the O'Maley Innovation Middle School, for Beeman, and for West Parish. Listed below, you will find changes to bus schedules impacted by the weight limit. Should you have any further questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 978 282-3001.

The changes/adjustments are as follows:

- O'Maley runs will remain unchanged in the morning. The drivers will leave earlier to make up the difference in the time it will take to travel around by way of the highway.
- West Gloucester and Magnolia afternoon O'Maley buses could conceivably drop off the students up to 5-10 minutes later than now. Specifically routes # 6, #8 and #9.
- Beeman's **Bus #16** will be picking up the students 5 minutes earlier in the morning.
- West Parish morning buses could possibly be up to 5 minutes later picking up the students in the morning. Specifically **route # 16**.
- West Parish Routes **#5/15 & #9** have bus stop changes. Students at the following bus stops who normally take **bus # 9** will now take **bus #15** in the morning and **bus # 5** in the afternoon: The pick ups will be a few minutes later than they are currently. Bus # 15's stops along Centennial Avenue will be approximately 5 minutes earlier in the morning and possibly 5-10 minutes later in the afternoon.

8:32 535 Essex Ave.

8:34 627 Essex Ave.

8:35 661 Essex Ave.

8:36 Essex Ave. and Woodman St.

8:38 New Way Lane

Please be advised that the Centennial and Lloyd bus stop will change to Centennial Ave. & Gaffney St. in the afternoon so that the bus can turn into the high school to turn around.

- West Parish Students at the following bus stops who normally take bus # 15 in the morning and bus #5 in the afternoon will now take bus # 9:

8:30 23 Essex Ave,

8:31 Essex Ave. & Bond St.

8:32 The Heights, Essex Ave

These times remain unchanged, however students at Bus # 9's stops from Pondview to Laurel Street will be picked up approximately 7-8 minutes later than they currently are.

Please be advised that further adjustments may be needed as time goes on. Thank you for your patience in this matter.