

Benson Transportation to Marshall Parent Advisory August 2021

A new journey begins

The Benson Polytechnic community will be moving to the Marshall Campus for the next three school years, 2021-22 through 2023-24 as construction takes place to modernize Benson High School. For students, the buildings will be different but the same great Benson teachers, staff and programs will remain. This advisory is intended to help families and student understand their transportation options to get to the Marshall Campus .

How will Benson students get to the Marshall Campus?

Just like Madison/McDaniel students before them, Benson students will use a variety of transportation options to reach the Marshall campus at 3905 SE 91st Ave. As part of a PPS transportation study, the Benson Polytechnic attendance boundary was divided into 2 “zones”: GREEN, and RED to determine how students would use different transportation options to get to the Marshall Campus. **(Please view the Map on page 3)**

Students in the Roosevelt, Jefferson, McDaniel, Lincoln and Wilson clusters will be served by yellow school buses. Students within the Cleveland, Franklin, and most of the Grant cluster will use TriMet Buses and/or MAX transportation or their own personal transportation options.

How will special education students get to the Marshall Campus?

All special education students currently receiving PPS transportation will continue to do so. Yellow bus service for special education students does not change.

We are in the Map Red Zone 1. Where can I find information about PPS buses to Marshall?

- Students in the designated Red Zone 1 (*Roosevelt, Jefferson, McDaniel, Lincoln and Wilson clusters*) will use yellow school buses to get to the Marshall campus. They will leave from and return to bus stops at nearby Red Zone schools, based on the one mile walk to stop policy for high school students. **(See Map on page 3)**
- **For the morning pick-up and afternoon drop off times, refer to the Benson link on the PPS transportation schedule website: <https://sites.google.com/pps.net/gt-bus-schedule/GT-Bus-Schedules/benson>**
- **(PLEASE NOTE - The bus routes and times are subject to change as the school year develops so please regularly check this site.) Additional transportation information can be found on the Transportation Department website: <https://www.pps.net/Domain/61>**
- We strongly recommend students arrive at bus stops at least five minutes early.
- After school, all Red Zone buses heading back to neighborhoods will leave Marshall shortly after the end of the last period.
- For students who take a bus down 82nd Ave we strongly recommend that they use the 82nd and Center Street bus stop as it has a secure street crossing next to it.
- For PPS Transportation related COVID 19 Restrictions or Rules please visit this website for more information, [Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [中文](#) | [Soomaali](#) | [Русский](#)

How will Green Zone Students get to Marshall?

Students in the designated Green Zone (Cleveland, Franklin, and part of the Grant cluster) will use both private and free TriMet transportation to reach the Marshall campus. To learn more about MAX and bus routes for your trip to the Marshall Campus check out the TriMet schedule page: <http://trimet.org/schedules/index.htm> or, if you're looking for the right TriMet app for your mobile device, go here: <http://trimet.org/apps/index.htm>. You can sign up for service alerts for any route at <https://trimet.org/emailupdates/index.htm>.

Please do not cross any streets except at designated cross walks and be mindful at all times when entering and exiting trains and buses and when crossing streets. If you ride your bike to the MAX, we encourage students to lock their bike at the station to avoid overcrowding the system at rush hour.

Is TriMet free for Benson Students?

All Benson Polytechnic students are eligible for a free student transit pass. The YouthPass program is a partnership between TriMet and Portland Public Schools.

What are the times for MAX trips that serve the Marshall campus this fall?

For the latest morning and afternoon MAX times to and from the Marshall campus. Please consult the TriMet website. <https://trimet.org/>

Will buses be provided for some evening and extracurricular activities?

Special activity buses for students participating in after school activities will leave the Marshall campus and will drop students off on the designated bus routes near their houses and where it is safe. Times for the special activity buses will be announced at the start of the school year.

Driving, Car Pool and Parking information

For students and parents driving to campus there are numerous parking spaces and an easy to access drop off route at the entrance to the school. We encourage parents and students to carpool. Access to the campus is off of 92nd Ave just south of Powell Blvd.

Why isn't yellow bus service to Marshall provided to all Benson Polytechnic students?

Portland Public Schools does not normally provide regular yellow school bus service to high schools in the District and the cost to provide yellow bus service to all Benson students would be prohibitively expensive. A transportation study reviewed transit times to the Marshall campus from across the District and determined that for some families, there would be significant commute times to and from the Marshall Campus. PPS therefore developed a two-tiered approach for providing transportation service to Benson's temporary home.

Why was the Marshall campus selected as the temporary home for Benson?

During the planning for the bond measure, Marshall High School was selected as the best site to serve as the temporary home for schools under construction (Franklin, Grant, and McDaniel have all used the site). The former high school has the space and infrastructure necessary to provide a successful, temporary home for the Benson community.

