

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

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"Building College and Career Ready Brickies"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The School City of Hobart continues to use an innovative mobile device app and website entitled *Here Comes the Bus*®.

Here Comes the Bus is a bus tracking software tool that helps 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.

Here Comes the Bus will show you your child's officially assigned bus stop. **Please make sure your child uses the correct, assigned bus stop each day to ensure their safety and the accuracy of our tracking system.** Thank you for your help in this matter!

Simply download the *Here Comes the Bus* app, create a secure account, 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
- Push notification and email alert when:
 - Bus has entered the radius around the home stop
 - Bus has been substituted

Available in three languages (English, Spanish and French), the *Here Comes the Bus* app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

To sign up or to learn more about *Here Comes the Bus*, visit <http://www.herecomesthebus.com> or visit the School City of Hobart website at <http://www.hobart.k12.in.us> for the Cool Tool *Here Comes the Bus*.

In addition, Kindergarten students only will use bus passes attached to their book bags or backpacks along with their individual bus information. These passes will also be used to scan for breakfast and lunch if they are eating meals provided by our Food Service Department at ELC.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wilkison, Director of Transportation, via email at lwilkison@hobart.k12.in.us or by phone at 947-2413, Ext. 8956.

If you need to contact *Here Comes the Bus* customer support (hctb@synoviasolutions.com), please provide the following information:

- Your name
- School Code: 46342
- Email address used for your *Here Comes the Bus* account
- Best number to reach you
- Your child's last name and student ID # (lunch ID number)
- Description of the problem



Sincerely,

Peggy Buffington, Ph.D.,
Superintendent of Schools

Lisa L. Wilkison,
Director of Transportation

Christopher King,
Director of Technology

The School City of Hobart does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, or disability, including limited English proficiency.




Here Comes the Bus[®]

Now available to parents of School City of Hobart students

- View the real-time location of your child's bus
- Access the app from your smartphone, tablet or computer
- Receive push notifications and/or email alerts
- Right bus. Right stop. Right time.

How to get started:

1. Download the *Here Comes the Bus* app* or visit herecomesthebus.com
2. Click the  button
3. Enter school code (46342) 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 - **(which is their lunch ID number)**
6. Once you confirm your information, you're ready to begin using *Here Comes the Bus*! We will issue a Bus Pass or a Smart Phone App can be used for entering and leaving the bus.

*Available at the App Store and Google Play

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