

# Philadelphia Parent Findings: 2024 STATE OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REPORT



## Parents Are Forced to Fill the Void Left by Buses

- 58 percent of Philadelphia parents say they or their partner/spouse are driving their kids to and from school
- 19 percent of Philadelphia parents report their school district has eliminated or reduced school bus services

## Parents Are Missing Out on Work Opportunities

- 37 percent of Philadelphia parents who drive their children to and from school say it has caused them to miss work
- 45 percent of Philadelphia parents say these demands have interfered with their ability to seek out or accept new job opportunities

## Parents Are Generally Frustrated and Anxious about School Transportation

- 78 percent of Philadelphia parents say they wish their school district offered more transportation options
- 18 percent of Philadelphia parents say figuring out transportation to and from school is the most stressful part of back-to-school season, second only to purchasing new clothes or school supplies (45 percent)
- 51 percent of Philadelphia parents find themselves stressing about their child's transportation needs at least once a week
- 43 percent of Philadelphia parents who drive their kids to and from school agree that navigating the drop-off or pick-up lane is one of the most stressful parts of their day
- 53 percent of Philadelphia parents say their children would miss less school if more convenient school transportation options were available

The Philadelphia parents survey was conducted by HopSkipDrive using SurveyMonkey's online audience panel from June 30-July 9. Respondents were screened to include only those who live in the Philadelphia area and have children aged 5-18. The data was weighted to account for gender balance. More than 308 parents in Philadelphia completed the survey, with a margin of error of +/- 5.698%.

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