# School Bus Signs Project

The bus signs began as a community service project more than 40 years ago. It began as a way for young students to find and recognize their busses both at school and on their home street. It was also very helpful at large school district field trips for all students to find their correct bus quickly. The school district transportation department even published the names of the signs to match each route for schools.

When we first started the colored bus signs we hand colored them every year. We met at coloring parties and visited as we colored them. There were 150 bus signs. We then laminated them and cut them all out. This has all been done free of charge to the bus companies and the bus companies were very happy to use them and realized how helpful they were.



It was a lot of work to color the bus signs each year and doing the lamination. As we found other ways to make funds in our group we changed from coloring the bus signs each year. It was very time consuming to color, copying them and having them laminated by Office Max or other printing companies. It was more expensive but freed us as a group to continue to donate the signs but gave our time to other projects.

During Covid when busses weren't being used we still donated the signs, but they weren't being used. When the current bus company got the bid for transportation we gave them the bus signs and they used them the first year but had not used them in the busses since and did not want the signs each year that we offered them. Last year they began using them again but colored

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them themselves taking a lot of hours of employee time. This year I talked to the bus manager who had replaced one of the other managers and she was very excited about our service project and was happy for us to take over this once again.