

Save Harman School

A photograph of Harman School, a single-story brick building with a white roof. The school is surrounded by a green lawn and trees in the background. A sign on the right side of the building features a horse and the text 'HARMAN SCHOOL'. A flagpole is visible on the left side of the building.

Presented By
Harman LSIC

**West Virginia State Code
Chapter 18 Article 2E Section 5d**

Standards for the duration of school bus transportation times for students to and from school.

WV Code §18-2E-5d. Standards for the duration of school bus transportation times for students to and from school.

(a) The high-quality standards for transportation adopted by the state board pursuant to section five of this article shall include standards for the recommended duration of the one-way school bus transportation time for students to and from school under normal weather and operating conditions as follows:

(1) For elementary school students, thirty minutes;

(2) For middle school, intermediate school and junior high school students, forty-five minutes; and

(3) For high school students, sixty minutes.

(b) A county board may not create a new bus route for the transportation of students in any of the grade levels prekindergarten through grade five to and from any school included in a school closure, consolidation or new construction project approved after July 1, 2008, which exceeds by more than fifteen minutes the recommended duration of the one-way school bus transportation time for elementary students adopted by the state board in accordance with subsection (a) of this section unless:

- (1) The county board adopts a separate motion to approve creation of the route and request written permission of the state board to create the route; and
- (2) Receives the written permission of the state board to create the route.

(c) A county board may not create, nor may the state board permit, the creation of a new bus route for the transportation of students in any of the grade levels prekindergarten through grade five to and from any school included in a school closure, consolidation or new construction project approved after July 1, 2008, which exceeds by more than thirty minutes the recommended duration of the one-way school bus transportation time for elementary students adopted by the state board in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

EXISTING BUS ROUTES

- Three Existing Bus Routes
- The time presented is **One Way** Travel Times to EHS/Midland
- For any transport to EMS add an addition 9 minutes.
- Times are under Normal Driving Conditions
- All bus routes are longer than the 60-minute requirement by WV Code §18-2E-5d

81A DANA PENNINGTON

SHORTEST BUS ROUTE

- First student pick up 6:07 am
- Last student drop off 3:50 pm
- Students will be away from their homes for 9 hours and 43 minutes riding this bus on normal weather conditions.
- Total bus duration ONE WAY is 1 hour 3 minutes

68-A JERRY TETER

- First student pick up 5:53 am
- Last student drop off 4:10 pm
- Students will be away from their homes for 10 hours and 3 minutes riding this bus on normal weather conditions.
- Total bus duration ONE WAY is 1 hour 23 minutes

80-A CHARLENE ROY

- First student pick up 5:13 am
- Last student drop off 4:44 pm
- Students will be away from their homes for 11 hours and 31 minutes riding this bus on normal weather conditions.
- Total bus duration ONE WAY is 1 hour 57 minutes

POTENTIAL ISSUES

- Detrimental to student health and well being due to inability to have family time and get back to Elkins for sports or extracurricular activities
- CDC Sleep in Middle and High School Students states “The American Academy of Sleep Medicine has recommended that children aged 6-12 years should regularly sleep 9-12 hours ... teenagers aged 13-18 years should sleep 8-10 hours.” It is impossible for the students to receive the proper amount of sleep, eat, shower, and do homework if they are only home for 12 hours.

Each Board Member has been given a copy of this study

TOPOGRAPHICALLY MAPS

- The route from Harman and surrounding areas to Elkins is not flat.
- Raining in Elkins at an elevation of 1,971 feet means ice, snow and freezing rain at Harman School with an elevation of 2,387 feet. Not to mention, if we travel across the four mountains with varying elevations of 4092, 3782, 3343, 2700 feet.

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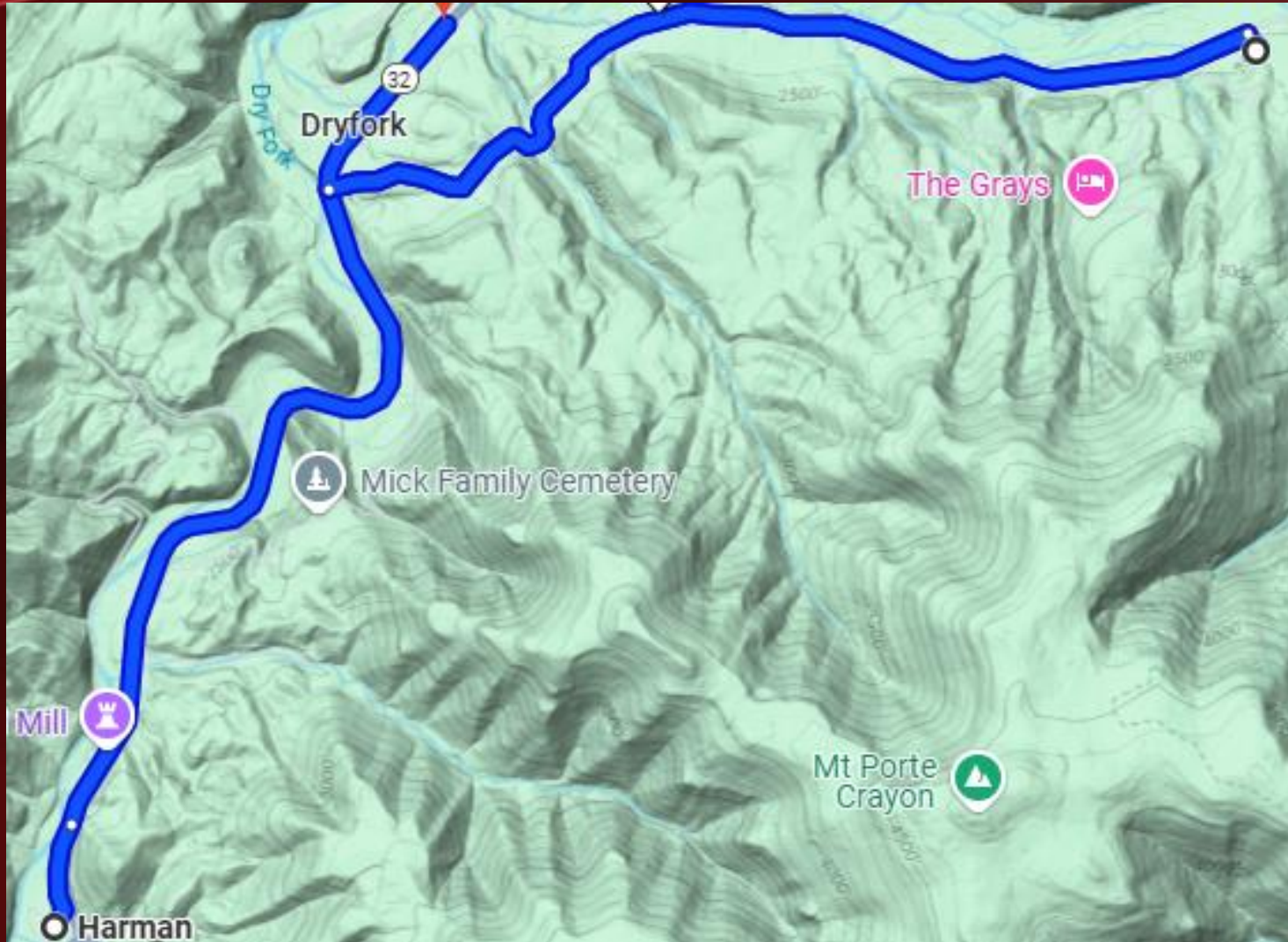
Elkins, WV

These photos were taken the same day within an hour of each other.



Harman, WV

81A DANA PENNINGTON



- Highest Elevation on route 2387 feet
- Total Change in Elevation 207 feet

68-A JERRY TETER



- Highest Elevation on route 2991 feet
- Total Change in Elevation 601 feet

80-A CHARLENE ROY

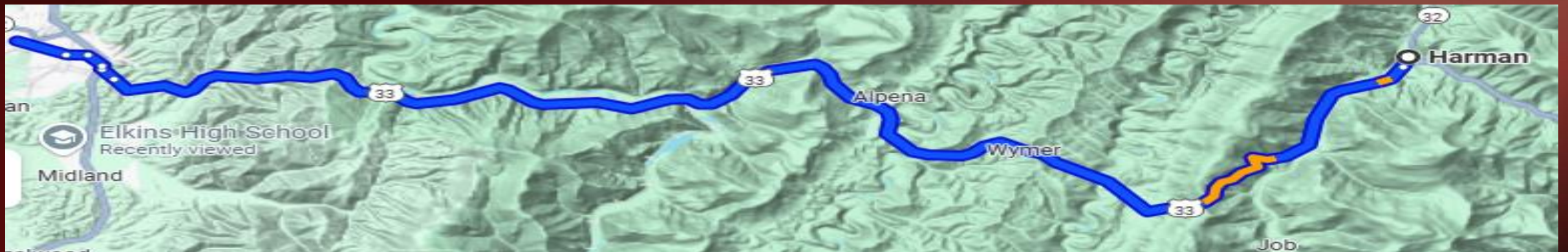


- Highest Elevation on route 4092 feet
- Total Change in Elevation 1,752 feet

HARMAN SCHOOL TO ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Harman School 2387 ft
- Rich Mountain 4092 ft
- Middle Mountain 3782 ft
- Shavers Mountain 3343 ft
- Kelly Mountain 2700 ft
- Elkins Middle 1971 ft

**Total Change in
Elevation 1,705
feet**



INVITATION

- We would like to extend an invitation to Dr. Dilly and all the board members to ride the Harman bus routes.
- We have a bus driver volunteering his time and a parent willing to pay for the fuel cost of the route. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

Photo courtesy of the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. This vehicle came to rest on its top after colliding with a hillside and flipping over on the Whitmer Road in Randolph County. JAN 17, 2023
This is on Jerry Teter's Route bus 68-A.

