

## Routing Software vs. DIY: A Side-by-Side Comparison

Planning routes with spreadsheets and manual processes comes at a cost — staff stress, parent frustration, and safety risks. The EZRouting transportation suite was built to eliminate those challenges.

This side-by-side comparison chart makes it easy to see how DIY routing stacks up against modern routing technology across considerations, including student safety, parent trust, staff workload, and district reputation.

Check out the full chart to determine the best path for your district!

DIY/MANUAL

VS

ROUTING SOFTWARE

PEACE OF MIND	Constant stress: "Did we miss a stop? Should this student be on this bus?"	PEACE OF MIND	Confidence that every bus, every student, and every route is accounted for in real time.
PARENT TRUST	Frustrated calls when buses run late or kids aren't where they should be.	PARENT TRUST	Automated parent notifications with up-to-the-minute information that builds confidence and reduces call volume.
STUDENT SAFETY	Easy for errors to slip through — unsafe stop placements, overcapacity buses.	STUDENT SAFETY	Real-time safeguards around stop locations and traffic hazards catch risks before they impact students.
STAFF WELLBEING	Teams burn out from endless spreadsheets, last-minute changes, and irate parents.	STAFF WELLBEING	Staff freed from manual work, able to focus on efficiency, student safety, and supporting families.
CRISIS RESPONSE	Scramble mode — phone trees, paper maps and directions, and crossed fingers.	CRISIS RESPONSE	Calm, coordinated, real-time rerouting and communication on the fly.
COMMUNITY REPUTATION	"Transportation is always a problem" — negatively impacts the district's reputation.	COMMUNITY REPUTATION	Smooth, reliable operations reflect a district that parents can trust with their kids.
FUTURE READINESS	System breaks under growth or staff turnover.	FUTURE READINESS	System scales with your district, ensuring continuity even during changes. Automatically assign student riders who join mid-year or whose data changes to the appropriate existing routes.

### Don't let manual processes hold your district back.

With the EZRouting Suite, you get more than just routing software — you get an easy-to-use, comprehensive, integrated system built to handle your daily challenges. Let's talk about how you can move from complexity to clarity—and start running routes smarter, safer, and faster. [Click here](#) to set up your meeting today!

