

Student Asa M. Janney III

I attended LCPS schools from 1956 to 1968, (Lincoln from 1956 - 1963 and Loudoun Valley High from 1963 - 1968). When at Lincoln (grades 1 - 7), I walked 1/2 mile on sidewalks to the school house. Some students rode their bikes to school. The bus, a Wayne bus, was in good condition. I recall the driver being an adult. By the time I boarded the bus in Lincoln (between 8:30 & 8:40 AM), it was pretty full. The trip from Lincoln to Loudoun Valley High was only about 2 miles. The trip was entirely on paved roads, north on route 722, across route 7 and into Loudoun Valley High in Purcellville. We'd arrive around 8:50 AM in time for the 9:00 AM start of school. Fortunately my bus never suffered a breakdown and because we traveled over paved roads, the bus never got stuck. I did see other school buses that traveled over dirt roads, stuck up to their axels in mud. Tractors and sometimes even larger tractors were used to free the buses from the mire. My elementary school was for white students only. My high school was integrated. My bus to Loudoun Valley High had no Black students¹.

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