SURREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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Before and after school bus FAQ

We are grateful to be able to offer our families safe and reliable bus transportation to and from school. Surrey Christian School (SCS) subsidizes approximately 2/3 of the cost of bus transportation to help make this service more affordable for families.

Bus routes are established each August by the Combined Christian School Transportation Association (CCSTA). SCS commits to paying CCSTA for 10 months of transportation based on confirmed student ridership as of October 1.

Bus Registration and Cancellation Deadline

Families wishing to cancel or make changes to their bus arrangements must do so by September 30. After this date, families remain responsible for their registered bus fees through the end of the school year, even if their child no longer requires transportation.

We appreciate your understanding as these commitments help us maintain a reliable and sustainable transportation program for our school community.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. It is September 15. Can I cancel my child's bus registration?

Yes, families may cancel their bus registration up until September 30. Please note that the full September fee will still apply.

2. It is after September 30. Can I cancel my child's bus registration?

Yes, you may cancel your child's bus registration. However, because the school has already committed to the cost of the seat, bus fees will remain payable through the end of the school year.

3. Can I switch from two-way to one-way bus service?

Yes, you may change from two-way to one-way service. However, if the change is requested after September 30, the two-way rate will continue to apply for the remainder of the school year.

4. Our family will be away for two months. Can we pause our bus fees during that time?

Unfortunately, we are unable to pause bus fees for vacations or extended absences. The school continues to pay CCSTA for your child's seat, even when it is not being used.

5. We only need bus transportation for part of the school year. Can we register for a few months?

Bus registration is generally a full-year commitment, as the school is charged for the entire 10-month period.
Exceptions may be considered for new riders joining an existing route partway through the school year.

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6. My child only needs the bus three days a week. Is there a reduced rate?
Bus fees are based on five-day-per-week service. We are unable to offer reduced rates for part-time use.

7. We have moved and now need bus transportation partway through the school year. Can we register?
Yes, new riders may join an existing route during the school year, provided space is available. Families will need to use an established bus stop, as we are unable to add or change stops midyear. Changes to routes can increase travel times for other students and are reviewed each August when routes are planned for the upcoming school year.

Please note: Some routes may already be at capacity. If a seat is unavailable, your child may be placed on a waitlist.

8. Can my children temporarily use a different bus stop while staying at another address?
We may be able to accommodate temporary changes if there is space available on an existing route. All requests are subject to availability and approval, and we cannot guarantee that a temporary arrangement will be possible. Additional stops cannot be added, as they may affect travel times for other students.

9. Can my child bring a friend home on the school bus?
One-time friend requests may be accommodated with advance approval from the bus logistics lead, provided there is an available seat. Please email eschlamp@surreychristian.com

Friend transportation is intended for occasional visits rather than ongoing transportation arrangements. Please note that some routes are at capacity and cannot accommodate additional passengers.

10. Can we purchase occasional bus passes or vouchers instead of registering for the full year?
We do not offer occasional bus passes or vouchers. Seats are reserved for families who have registered and committed to the transportation program for the school year.

11. What happens if no one is available to meet my child at the bus stop?
For the safety of our younger students, children under the age of 10 must be met at their bus stop by a parent or designated caregiver. If you would like your child to be permitted to leave the bus without an adult present, the school must receive written permission signed by a parent or guardian in advance.

If you have any additional questions, please email Emma Schalmp at eschlamp@surreychristian.com. We are happy to assist.

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