



Bus FAQ

Q. IF I'M NOT SURE MY STUDENT WILL NEED BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR NEXT YEAR, WHY SHOULD I REGISTER NOW?

A. Registration is first come first served. Once a bus route is full, we will start a waiting list to see if there is a need for a second bus for that route. We will only provide a second bus if we are guaranteed 50 additional riders. You may receive a full refund if requested in writing by the first day of school.

Q. CAN WE PURCHASE A ONE-WAY BUS PASS?

A. Yes. Bus passes are available as one-way AM, one-way PM, and round trip. One-way PM and round trip include access to the late activity buses.

Q: ARE THERE EARLY MORNING ACTIVITY BUSES?

A. No.

Q: IS THERE A DISCOUNT FOR SIBLING RIDERS?

A. Yes. If you already purchased round trip transportation (semester or full year) for one child, the charge for additional children from the same family is reduced. Once transportation for all children in the family is paid, contact the District via email at lambertf@nth.s.net to determine your discount and arrange a refund.

Q. WHAT ARE LATE ACTIVITY BUSES?

A. Late activity buses are offered to students who have registered and purchased either the round trip or one-way PM bus pass. Please note that activity passes are not sold individually.

Drivers route the late activity buses based on daily ridership. The route each bus will take is determined by the destinations of the students riding. As students board the bus, they inform the driver of their regular bus stop. The length of the ride is dependent on the number of riders.

DAILY ACTIVITY BUS SCHEDULE

Leave Northfield

4:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

* Pick-up in front of E building (Cornog)

Leave Winnetka

4:30 pm

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

*Pick-up on Winnetka Avenue by big flag pole

Q. CAN YOU PURCHASE SEMESTER BUS PASSES?

A. Yes. We sell bus passes by semester or for the entire school year.

Q. ONCE WE REGISTER FOR THE BUS, WHAT DO WE USE AS A BUS PASS?

A. The student's bus privilege is noted on the student ID card. Students will receive their IDs during their advisory period within the first week of school. After the first week of school, students must carry their ID cards in order to ride the bus.

Q: WHY DO EAST CAMPUS ROUTE BUSES ARRIVE AT WINNETKA IN THE AFTERNOON, WELL AFTER DISMISSAL TIME (3:25PM)?

A. The Northfield buses depart at 3:15 pm. Because the buses must get all the Northfield students home before beginning their afternoon routes for the Winnetka campus, Winnetka Campus buses depart between 3:45 pm and 4:00 pm.

Q. WHY DOESN'T THE BUS STOP RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE?

A. The average bus stop is 2-3 blocks from a student's home. In the interest of keeping costs down, we use one set of buses to transport students from both schools. In order to get all students to school on time we have designated stops that have the most ridership.

Q. CAN WE REQUEST A SPECIAL BUS STOP?

A. As a general rule, no. Our bus routes and stops are based on the most efficient route for the students who have requested bus service. We make every effort to maintain consistency in bus routes and stops. Exceptions can be made for safety reasons, which the District Office and bus company determine together.

Q: WHAT IS THE DISTRICT'S REFUND POLICY ON BUS PASS PURCHASES?

A. Refunds are available, provided it is requested in writing and received via email with your child's full name and student ID number. Please email all refund requests to lambertf@nths.net. Deadlines for refund requests are located on the transportation website.

Q. WHAT IF I THINK I WILL NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP WITH THE PAYMENT OF THE BUS FEE?

A. Financial assistance is available and must be applied for each year. You may request a form from the Assistant Principal's office at the Winnetka Campus by calling 847.784.2214.