School District 22 - 2024/25 Transportation Registration and Fees

It is important to know that routes are designed based on registrations received by May 15th. If registering after May 15th, they will be assigned to the nearest available stop on the route, or possibly added to a wait list.

Reminder:

- All students requiring transportation must register even if they are currently riding.
- Registration is only available online.
- The registration platform is myschoolbucks.ca
- The registration fee of \$35 is payable upon registration.
- Registration opens April 2nd, 2024.

Rider Eligibility Criteria

- 1) A student must be registered prior to May 15 of each year and payment of rider fees must be received by August 15 to be eligible for transportation services in the following school year. Online registration will be available year-round; after August 15, it may take up to two weeks to process registrations and rider fees must be paid prior to riding.
- 2) Students enrolled in schools outside their catchment area school are not provided transportation services as eligible riders unless specifically identified. These students may access transportation services as courtesy riders.
- 3) Students enrolled in the following programs of choice will be provided transportation services as eligible riders.

Programs of choice for transportation include:

- a. Montessori
- b. French Immersion
- c. Awaken Inquiry & Adventure Okanagan (AIAO) @ Fulton Secondary
- d. Forestry Program @ Charles Bloom Secondary School

Fee Structure:

Registration Fee (Non-refundable and payable upon registration)

Registration fee for all riders: \$35

Rider Fee

Eligible Ride (Catchment area school): \$86

Eligible Ride (Approved Program of Choice): \$306

Courtesy Ride (In Catchment): \$206 Courtesy Ride (Out of Catchment): \$306

Should the rider need a second route, the same fee will apply for the second route. Should the rider's second address be located on the same run as the first address, only one rider fee will apply.

Part Time Riders

One-Way Ride: 50% of Rider Fee

One-Semester Ride: 100% of Rider Fee

Family Ridership (per number of children registered)

First Child 100% of Registration Fee and Rider Fee Second Child 100% of Registration Fee and Rider Fee Third + Child 100% of Registration Fee per Child

Bus Registration:

Step 1 – Create an Account

Navigate to https://www.myschoolbucks.ca/

Click <u>here</u> for Instructions on how to create an account.

Step 2 - Register

Navigate to https://www.myschoolbucks.ca/

Click <u>here</u> for Instructions on how to register.

Rider Fees:

Payments will be accepted beginning Monday, May 15, with full payment due no later than August 15, 2024.

Payment option <u>only</u> available as follows; first instalment June 15, 2024, second installment July 15, 2024, and final payment August 15, 2024, to be eligible for transportation services for the 2024/25 school year.

Cash or cheque payments can be submitted via the secure drop off box at the Vernon School District Office or by mail to 1401 15 Street, Vernon BC V1T 8S8. Payments of cheque or cash must clearly reference your child's name and school. Credit Card Payment will be accepted through a secure online process (instructions below).

Student bussing schedules with outstanding fees as of August 15, 2024, with the exception of those approved for a fee waiver will be removed, allowing that seat to be made available to a child on the wait list.

If you wish to apply for a fee waiver for the rider fee, please complete the Request for Financial Assistance Form here. Must be completed at time of registration.

Online Payment Instructions:

Paying invoice on the website

Navigate to https://www.myschoolbucks.ca/ and log into your account. Click here for instructions on how to pay an invoice on the website

Bus Passes:

Bus passes are ONLY issued once rider fees have been paid in full.

Bus passes fulfill the MVA requirement for a passenger manifest, and they enhance safety for the students riding. Students will be required to scan on and off the bus.

<u>Vernon</u> - bus passes will be available for pick up at 1401 15th St, in Vernon at the Transportation Office in August. Date and time TBD, an email will be sent out to families.

<u>Lumby</u> – bus passes will be available for pick up at Charles Bloom Secondary School main entrance in August. Date and time TBD, an email will be sent out to families.

OKIB - bus passes will be available for pick up at OKIB back to school BBQ, date and location TBD.

For those unable to pick up their bus passes in August, they will be available at the schools on the first day. Secondary students can pick up their bus passes at the school office and for elementary students they will be distributed.

Bus passes will be mandatory after the first week of school.

Bussing Schedules:

NEW: Bussing schedules are available to registered families through the Traversa My Ride K-12 app or website. This will allow families real-time data to access bus location, assigned routes, scheduled pick up and drop off times and scanning details. For the app to work successfully students need to scan on and off the bus with their bus pass. For more information click here.

Bussing schedules will also be emailed in late August.

Questions:

If you have any questions regarding transportation, please contact the transportation department at transportation@sd22.bc.ca or 250-549-9281.