



Bus Riding Agreement – School Year 2025-2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The following are guidelines to help you and your child understand what will be expected while we transport them to and from the bus stop and school.

Bus Stop Pick Up: Your child is expected to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. No parents are allowed to get on the bus with their student, nor stand on the bus to hold it for a student that is running late. Once the bus driver deactivates the stop arm and starts moving the bus, the bus cannot stop. The driver cannot wait for missing students that may be running late as other stops are expecting the bus to be on time for their pickup. No eating, taking medications, suckers, chewing gum, nor any drinks except water are permitted on the bus. Snacks need to be kept in backpacks and carry-ons.

No glass is allowed on the bus at any time!

Riding the school bus is a privilege and continually disobeying the rules of the bus can lead to a period of suspension or total expulsion depending on the severity of the infraction.

A bus agreement must be filed with the Business Department for each child participating in the bus service. If you have any questions regarding the bus, please email Lainie Rankin at lrarkin@choiceacademies.org or by phone at 602-938-5517 ext. 106.

Rules of the Bus

1. High school students must show ID card to driver daily
2. Follow directions immediately when asked
3. Stay in your seat
4. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus
5. Talk quietly and keep hands to yourself
6. No eating or drinking, except water
7. No profanity or vulgar language
8. Cell phones are limited to pre-boarding and post departure



State Law Forbids the Following Items from being brought on the Bus

1. Dangerous items/weapons (real or toy)
2. Glass
3. Animals
4. Insects
5. Tobacco, vapors, or any sparking devices
6. Plants, dirt, or any growing objects
7. Oversized objects that cannot fit safely in the seat with the students (instruments, etc.)
8. Skateboards, baseball bats
9. Distractive electronic devices (hand-held games, CD players, etc.)
10. Any item which cannot be transported easily or may create a safety concern

Consequences

- 1st offense: Warning – student/driver conference
- 2nd offense: Suspension of bus privileges for two days, student/driver/parent & administrator meeting
- 3rd offense: Suspension of bus privileges for five days, student/driver/parent & administrator meeting
- 4th offense: Suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year

Consequences for Severe Offense – No Warning – Direct Referral

- Disrespect to driver
- Fighting
- Vandalism
- Indecent Exposure
- Weapons
- Profanity or Vulgar Language
- Possession of Drugs or Alcohol



Paying for the Bus

\$300.00 per semester per student

First Semester:

\$120.00 deposit due by 8/4/2025

\$180.00 balance due by 9/12/2025

Second Semester:

\$120.00 deposit due by 12/12/2025

\$180.00 balance due by 1/23/2026

Payments can be made by cash or check at any reception desk or online at

<https://choiceacademiespayonline.epaytrak.com/>

- **ID cards for JPHS students and bus passes for ATA students will be required to ride the bus.**
- **Preschool students are not permitted on the bus.**
- **There is no scholarship for bus service.**
- **On Fridays, the bus will leave the main campus for JP early dismissal students at 1:30 pm. The bus will return at 3:00 pm and provide service home for the remaining students.**
- **When all schools have a half day bus service will be provided for 12:00 noon only.**



Bus RouteInformation

Morning pick-up schedule and stops:

7:00 am 23rd Ave at the Aspire Apartments
7:15 am Yorkshire and 31st Ave. (Facing Southwest Side Pickup)
7:30 am Arrives at 2323 W. Parkside Lane Campus

Afternoon drop-off schedule Monday-Friday

3:15 pm Leaves 2323 W. Parkside Lane Campus
3:25 pm 23rd Ave at the Aspire Apartments
3:40 pm Yorkshire and 31st Ave.

Bus Route drop-off for Friday Early Release

12:15 pm Leaves 2323 W. Parkside Lane Campus
12:20 pm 23rd Ave at the Aspire Apartments
12:35 pm Yorkshire and 31st Ave.

Please make sure your student(s) are at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time. If you have any questions, please contact Lainie Rankin at lrarkin@choiceacademies.org or 602-938-5517 ext. 106.

Notification of Construction for the I-17 or surrounding areas that may affect and/or require modifications of the route, will be communicated.



I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and consequences for riding the school bus for the 2025-2026 school year. I understand that the fee is prepaid per semester and must be paid by the dates outlined in this agreement. There are no refunds for bus services if your child is absent, riding the bus one way or is temporarily suspended from the bus. There are no refunds if students are no longer taking the bus. Payments are due as per the dates listed, or you may pay in full for each semester.

Parent Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name Printed: _____

Student Signature: _____

Bus Stop Pick-Up Street Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

For office use only:

Payment Information

	S1 Deposit	Paid in full/ Payment 2	S 2 Deposit	Paid in full/ Payment 2
Date				
Amount				
Check #				
Cash				
Order #				

Date bus pass given: _____