

BUS REGISTRATION, FEES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES

BUSING FEES

Westmount Charter School sets its busing fees on a break-even basis. We currently receive a transportation grant from the Government of Alberta, which is directly applied against the cost of providing the busing service. Each bus costs approximately \$70,000 per year to operate. The grant is provided for kindergarten to grade 6 students who reside greater than 1 km from their attending school and for grade 7 -12 students who reside more than 2 km from their attending school. Students have until September 30 to cancel their busing and switch to Parent Provided Funding (PPF). The approximate total cost per rider is \$1450 per year. The fees are covered by a combination of government funding and student fees. Administration fees may apply. Waivers for transportation fees are not available. Please watch for communications regarding fees being applied to student accounts in October.

REGULAR REGISTRATION

Re-registration or new rider registration opens concurrently with school registration for the following school year. The re-registration for current students will open at the end of January or beginning of February for the following year. Families will be reminded of the upcoming registration deadline and are required to indicate their transportation choice at this time. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required per student registered for the bus service. The remaining balance of fees is due in October once accounting has posted those fees to your student's PowerSchool account.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration is based on first right of refusal for the following year. If you do decide to give up your student's spot on the bus and then decide to re-register at a later time, we cannot guarantee a spot for your child on the bus. You will be informed if your student is placed on the waitlist.

2024-2025 BUSSING FEES

Single Payment Fees (Due in October):

	2024-2025	2025-2026
Full Time Rider	\$850	Increase will be TBD
Full Time Kindergarten Rider	\$425	Increase will be TBD
Third & Subsequent Family Rider	\$425	Increase will be TBD
Part Time Rider (Grades 1-12)	\$550	Increase will be TBD
Part Time Kindergarten Rider	\$275	Increase will be TBD

Alternate payment arrangements can be made by contacting:
payfees@westmountcharter.com

SERVICE CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Families can choose to cancel their bus service at any time during the course of the school year. Students will only be eligible to change their Parent Provided Funding choice until September 30. The deposit is always non-refundable and this is non-negotiable. Refunds will be based on a prorated amount to be calculated by the Transportation Coordinator at time of cancellation. Refunds will be applied to PowerSchool accounts and can be used towards other current or future fees on your student's account. Refunds will not be given, but are not limited to the event of the following criteria:

- your driver is away and a replacement cannot be found
- the bus has a mechanical issue
- the GPS is unavailable
- busses are cancelled due to inclement weather
- the bus arrives late