



Bus Service For School Year 2020-2021

Please read the following information carefully and save it for future reference.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where are the bus stops located?

- ❖ Meadowood Regional Park (across from Greenspring Station)
- ❖ Cromwell Bridge Park and Ride I-695 at Exit 29 Cromwell Bridge Road and Loch Raven Blvd.
- ❖ White Marsh Park and Ride (Rear Mall parking lot across the street from Burger King)

What time do I need to drop off/pick up my child? The following times are approximations and subject to change as we fine tune the schedule. You should plan to be at the stop at least 5 minutes before any of the scheduled drop off/pick up times.

Mornings:

Meadowood – plan to arrive no later than 6:45 a.m. Bus departs promptly at 6:50 a.m.

Cromwell Bridge – plan to arrive no later than 7:10 a.m. Bus departs promptly at 7:15 a.m.

White Marsh - plan to arrive no later than 7:30 a.m. Bus departs promptly at 7:35 a.m.

90-Minute Delay Mornings

Meadowood - plan to arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. Bus departs promptly at 8:20 a.m.

Cromwell Bridge – plan to arrive no later than 8:40 a.m. Bus departs promptly at 8:45 a.m.

White Marsh – plan to arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. Bus departs promptly at 9:05 a.m.

Half-Day Fridays 12:30 Dismissal

White Marsh – plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. Bus departs promptly at 12:50 p.m.

Cromwell Bridge – plan to arrive by 1:00 p.m. Bus departs promptly at 1:05 p.m.

Meadowood – plan to arrive by 1:15 p.m. Bus departs promptly at 1:20 p.m.

Afternoons:

White Marsh – plan to arrive by 3:15 p.m. Bus departs promptly at 3:20 p.m.

Cromwell Bridge – plan to arrive by 3:35 p.m. Bus departs promptly at 3:40 p.m.

Meadowood – plan to arrive by 3:45 p.m. Bus departs promptly at 3:50 p.m.

Due to the safety of your child we are asking that you come to the bus to pick up your child. Your child will not be released without a Parent/Guardian to pick up at the bus door. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Can I do a month-to-month contract for bus service? No – bus service at The Highlands School is based on a yearly contract which is \$3,800. While payments are made on a monthly basis, you are still obligated to pay the full amount indicated in your contract, without adjustment.

If I just want my child to ride the bus in the morning or just in the afternoon, will my cost be less? The availability of this part-time service is dependent on the number of students contracted to ride the bus full-time. Families who contract for daily one-way-only service (if available) will receive a discount (40%) off the annual rate. The payment for each student electing one-way transportation is \$2,280 per school year.

Will car riders be able to use the bus to ride home with friends? Non-contracted riders may use bus services up to five (5) times a year. A fee, per round trip, will be assessed.

What if I want to pick up my child from school occasionally? Parents or guardians should call Linda Hawkins (410-836-1415) or send in a note to let her know the student will not be riding home on the bus that day. Parents/Guardians must inform the school office directly by note or by phone – the school cannot change normal dismissal procedures for a student without parent/guardian approval.

What if someone else will be dropping off or picking up my child? Please call or send a note into the school to let us know the name of the person, relationship, and car make and model. The school office will notify the bus driver whom to expect. Please be sure that this alternate driver has a copy of the school calendar or knows full day and half-day schedules.

What if I need to change the bus stop pick-up (permanently or for one day)? You must call the school office to let them know. The school office will contact the bus driver to let him know of the location change.

What if we are running late? CALL THE BUS DRIVER IMMEDIATELY (410-652-0068)

You may want to program that number into your cell phone. Leave a voice mail for the driver if there is no response. The driver will pick up messages at each bus stop and wait for up to five (5) minutes before moving on to the next stop.

If the bus driver has not received a call and no one is present to pick up the student at the final stop after the prescribed wait, **THE BUS WILL RETURN THE STUDENT TO THE SCHOOL.** The bus driver will notify the school that the student is in route back to the school. A fee will be assessed if the student is returned to the school. **No student will be dropped off at a bus stop without an authorized parent/guardian present.** Perpetual lateness may result in loss of bus privileges.

Can students lose their bus privileges? The behavior on the bus is to be in agreement with The Highlands School Parent and Student Handbook. The Highlands School reserves the right to enforce the policies of the Handbook. Parents/Guardians of students removed from the bus for disciplinary reasons are still required to meet their financial obligations for the ten (10) month period.

What is the policy for inclement weather? The bus service will follow the inclement weather guidelines issued by The Highlands School.