



June 24, 2019

Dear Parents:

We hope that you and your children are enjoying some well-deserved time off for summer vacation. We know that you devote a considerable amount of time, energy, and expense to get your children to school, and we are pleased to announce that Wheeler will be offering bus transportation again to the South County area in 2019-2020.

We will provide a single Wheeler student only bus in the morning and afternoon as well as one late bus at 6 p.m. with Wheeler, Moses Brown and Lincoln having shared ridership. **Bus registration is managed on a first-come, first-served basis.** The cost of the service will be \$1,445.00 for round-trip, full year access to buses. Enclosed are information sheets and a contract for the 2019-2020 school year. Please take a moment to read the Student Transportation Guidelines and the Student Transportation Contract thoroughly, and share the guideline information with your child(ren) who will be riding the bus.

Please fill out the information requested on the contract and return the completed form with your \$478.00 deposit check payable to the Wheeler School by Wednesday, July 10th.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Sean Kelly in the Admission Office at (401) 528-2204, or via email at seankelly@wheelerschool.org or Gary Esposito, Business Manager at (401) 528-2173 or via email at garyesposito@wheelerschool.org.

Sincerely,

Sean Kelly
Admission Associate &
Transportation Coordinator

Enclosures

THE WHEELER SCHOOL
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT
SOUTH COUNTY ROUTE
2019-2020

Please return contract and deposit to Sean Kelly in the Admissions Office no later than Wednesday, July 10th. Registrations are managed on a first come first served basis.

I have read the Student Transportation Contract, Guidelines, and Route Schedules. The Guidelines have been reviewed with my child(ren) and we agree to uphold the rules set forth. Please start the billing process indicated.

_____/_____/_____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

The annual fee for bus service is \$1,445 with a \$478 deposit per student required with this contract. The remainder of the fee will be billed in two halves – September and December.

*****Please indicate your bus stop preference by checking one of the following*****

___ Holiday Inn ___Saunderstown RT 1A Park & Ride ___Showcase Cinemas

Student
(1) _____ Grade _____

Student
(2) _____ Grade _____

Student
(3) _____ Grade _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell/Other _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell/Other _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Person

Name _____ Relation _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell/Other _____

South County Bus Schedule 2019-2020

Please note that the times designated below have been estimated by the bus company and may change slightly due to traffic or inclement weather.

Physical Address of each stop:

Holiday Inn: Junction of Routes 1 and 138, 3033 Tower Hill Road

Saunderstown Route 1A Park & Ride: Junction of Routes 1A & 138, Saunderstown

Showcase Cinemas: 1200 Quaker Lane and Division Road Warwick/East Greenwich

All students must be on the bus by the designated “leave” times. In order to keep the schedule, the buses will not be able to wait for any late students to board.

BUS 1 (FOR WHEELER STUDENTS):

Morning:

6:30 a.m. Leave Holiday Inn South Kingstown

6:45 a.m. Leave Park & Ride Saunderstown

7:10 a.m. Leave Showcase Cinema

7:45 a.m. Arrive Wheeler School

Afternoon:

3:15 p.m. Leave Wheeler School

3:45 p.m. Arrive Showcase Cinema

4:05 p.m. Arrive Park & Ride Saunderstown

4:15 p.m. Arrive Holiday Inn South Kingstown

Late Bus: (single bus)

6:10 p.m. Leave Wheeler

6:35 p.m. Arrive Showcase Cinema

6:55 p.m. Arrive Saunderstown Rt. 1A Park & Ride

7:10 p.m. Arrive Holiday Inn South Kingstown

*** At pick up time, all parents must be at the designated stop. Please arrive 5 minutes early. The transportation provider is under no obligation to wait beyond the agreed upon departure time for late arrivals. It is also understood that the transportation provider will wait 15 minutes beyond the agreed upon time at the last return stop only for the afternoon and late bus routes. Any students not picked up at that point will be returned to the transportation provider’s central location at Ocean State Transit, 909 Wampanoag Trail East Providence, RI 02915.**

All sports participants must provide their own transportation IF unable to board the bus by 6:15 p.m.

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Please Retain this Sheet for your Records

THE SCHOOL

The Wheeler School agrees to provide transportation via a third party group as indicated below. If for some reason Wheeler cannot provide this service due to circumstances beyond its control, the school will refund the unused portion of the payment made by the payee.

THE PARENT(S)

I/We understand that my/our obligation to pay the fee(s) for a full year is unconditional and that no portion of the fees paid or outstanding will be refunded or cancelled in the event of absence, withdrawal for any reason whatsoever, dismissal, or separation of the student from the school. This obligation is effective immediately upon submission of this contract.

This contract is for a period of one academic year (2019-2020). I/We understand that in signing this transportation contract, I/we agree to accept the rules and regulations of The Wheeler School as hereafter promulgated by the school. I/We understand that the individuals or families whose lack of cooperation impedes the ability of the school to meet its educational or service objectives will be disallowed from riding the bus and may be asked to leave the bus.

FEES

The annual fee per child for the bus service is \$1,445 with a \$478 deposit required with this contract. The remainder of the fee will be billed in two installments, one in September and one in December. Students will be issued a bus pass when contract and deposit are received. *This service includes morning transportation to The Wheeler School, an after school return, and a late return from the school.*

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER

The transportation provider is under no obligation to wait beyond the agreed upon departure time for late arrivals. It is also understood that the transportation provider will wait 15 minutes beyond the agreed upon time **at the last return stop only for the afternoon and late returns. Any students not picked up at that point will be returned to the transportation provider's central location at Ocean State Transit, 909 Wampanoag Trail East Providence, RI 02915.**

PROCEDURE to FOLLOW if BUS is RUNNING LATE

There may be times when the bus is running behind schedule due to circumstances beyond the driver's control. We ask that you wait **at least 15 minutes before taking action.** If the bus is more than 15 minutes late, **please call Ocean State Transit 401-435-5500.**

***INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE**

Ocean State Transit Service along with Wheeler School officials makes the decision about whether or not it is safe to run the bus service. Therefore, it is imperative that on mornings with a potential delay you should check the Wheeler School Home Page [www.wheelerschool.org] and the local news for any late openings or school closings. Any potential snow day, early closing, or late opening decision made by Wheeler will be reflected in the bus schedule. With respect to afternoon service, Wheeler will do its best to communicate any early pick-ups both to you as parents and to your students during the school day so that he/she can arrive home safe and sound.

COORDINATORS

The contacts at Wheeler for any bussing related issues are Sean Kelly 401-421-8100 x204 or Gary Esposito 401-421-8100 x173.

THE WHEELER SCHOOL
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES
2019-2020

All Wheeler School students are expected to be responsible representatives of the school whether they are on or off campus. ***Individuals riding the bus are responsible for upholding the rules and regulations governing The Wheeler School students.*** The specific guidelines below are meant to serve as a support to help students understand their responsibilities and boundaries while riding on the bus, but are not meant to represent all the possibilities of inappropriate behaviors. Students who participate in the student transportation program are expected to use good judgement and be safety conscious when riding the bus.

Please note the following Rules and Guidelines:

- All riders must present their pass.
- There is a NO guest rider policy.
- Ocean State Transit reserves the right to decide on the carry-on policy, weather delays, and driver substitutions
- Students will be seated at all times.
- No items shall extend beyond the window frames while the bus is moving.
- Proper use of the bus furnishings will be expected.
- There will be no eating or drinking on the bus, except during special circumstances approved by the driver.
- Any trash brought onto the bus shall be removed from the bus and deposited in the proper containers.
- Students will not tamper with the Emergency Door.
- Students will not play loud music or make excessive noise.
- Students will obey the driver when so requested.

Late Arrivals – Late pickups will result in a warning and rider privileges may be revoked if problems persist. Please be considerate of other riders and be on time.

Any violation of these guidelines or other school rules may result in immediate dismissal from the bus and the student could be subject to other disciplinary actions within the process of the school's disciplinary procedures.