



LAKE WALES CHARTER SCHOOLS

Transportation Information Sheet 2023-2024

Frequently asked questions:

Where is the Transportation office located?

Currently located at Lake Wales High School, 1 Highlander Way, Lake Wales, FL 33853

What is the phone number for Transportation?

Current phone number is 863-215-8524

Are we required to provide Transportation to students?

According to Charter school law (Section 1002.33, F.S.) We may provide transportation to students according to Florida Law the same way public schools transport.

Who determines what conditions are considered a hazard?

The Transportation Department under the direction of the Superintendent will follow state law concerning hazardous walking conditions under section 1006.23

How is a bus stop location determined?

Bus stop placements are determined according to the safety of students at all times, logistics, and Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) regulations. A stop must serve the community, not an individual. Stops on private property are not allowed unless properly coordinated by all involved parties. When students are located in a private community (not maintained by local government) stops that are deemed safe will be placed at the entrance where the private property meets the public right-of-way. We will not place stops where students will be required to walk more than 1.5 miles away when it is not private property. We will never suggest that a student walk anywhere, but it is the parents responsibility for their student to get to and from the bus stops, and vice versa. Drivers have no authority to change bus stop locations.

Can students ride different buses?

No, students should ride the same bus to and from the home bus stop location at all times. A student will not be allowed to ride home with another student.

We need my child to go to the daycare. What should we do?

Students will be assigned and allowed to access the stop located near their home of residency when approved through the transportation dept.



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Can the bus driver suspend a student from Transportation?

No, all discipline issues will be handled by the administration at the school of assignment.

Who receives emergency information for my child?

In the past we have given out emergency cards to parents at the bus stop, but they did not match what the school had on file. At this time all emergency information will come directly from the school.

Is my student required to bring their bus ID?

Yes, If they have received this card it must be made available to the driver when entering and exiting the vehicle.

Is my child required to perform emergency evacuation drills on a school bus?

Yes, each student that rides a school bus is required to perform two evacuation drills a year on school grounds, one at the beginning of the first six weeks of the first semester, and then the second one during the first six weeks of the second semester.

How will I know what school bus is picking up my child?

Currently all students will be assigned route numbers instead of bus numbers (Example, 1001 LWHS). This information will be in the first student window on the door side of the bus.

What happens if there is an emergency on the bus?

If there is an emergency on the bus we will first contact First responders to assist, then contact the school administrator to assist with contacting parents and assisting at the scene if needed.

Can I get my child off the bus at any location besides their designated stop?

No, students should enter and exit at the designated bus stop.

Can KG students get off the bus unattended?

No, these students must be met at the door of the bus at their assigned stop by an adult, or get off with an older sibling who is on the bus with them. If this does not happen students will be returned to their school at the end of the elementary school run.

Can a student with an IEP for transportation be left at a stop unattended?

No, this student will not be allowed off the bus without an adult at the door of the bus.



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Does the driver have the authority to not release a student at a stop?

Yes, when the driver feels that any student is at risk of harm they have the authority to not release a student, also make a call to their supervisor informing them that they will be returning to a school or make a request if they require assistance sent to them.

If there are any questions that have not been answered you may call the Transportation office at 863-215-8524 or email us directly at Transportation@lwcharterschools.com