

Dear HCA families,

We are moving forward with our next step in regards to bus transportation at HCA for the 2022/2023 School year.

We have 2 proposed routes :

**Route #1** would serve the NW communities of Evanston, Sage Hill, Carrington, Panorama Hills, Nolan Hill, Coventry Hills, & Livingston.

**Route #2** would serve the NE communities of Red Stone, Skyview, Cornerstone, Saddleridge, Taradale, Martindale, Coral Springs, Whitehorn, Rundle & Monterey Park.

Routes will be subject to availability and to meeting the required minimum of 39 student registrations per route.

- Annual cost per student \$1665.00 (\$9.35 per day)
- A non-refundable<sup>1</sup> Deposit is required (**50%** June 30, 2022 = \$832.50). *If we do not have the required minimum number of students registered by June 30, 2022, we will refund the initial deposit amount. After June 30, 2022, you are committed to the bussing program for the 2022-23 school year and will not receive any refund for any reason.*
- After confirmation that the program has the minimum required number of registrations, the next 2 non-refundable payment amounts are **25%** July 30, 2022 = \$416.25; and **25%** August 30, 2022 = \$416.25
- Bussing fees must be paid in full by August 30, 2022

#### FAQ's

- **Will there be an option to only pay/use bussing one way?**

To ensure bussing remains a viable option, a student will purchase and be allocated a seat *to and from* school for the year. The full bussing amount will be required whether your student is on the bus or not. The exception will be if we are able to fill the seat to and from school with different students, the cost will be shared equally between students (e.g. Student A only needs bussing to HCA where student B requires bussing from HCA). In this event HCA will reduce the fee from \$1665 to \$832.50 per student. Note: this will be on a case by case situation and the matching principle will be used.

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<sup>1</sup> *If the minimum number of students registered for a route proceeds, the deposit is non-refundable. In the event that there is not enough interest for a route, deposits will be refunded*

- **Is the deposit the full fee of \$1665 or just a percentage of it?**  
50% of the full fee is required by June 2022 (\$832.50); 25% July 2022 (\$416.25); 25% August 2022 (\$416.25). 100% of bus fees must be paid by the start of the school year.
- **Will I qualify for a transportation grant?**  
As an Alternative School program operating under the Palliser School Division, students in Grades 1-12 do not qualify for the transportation grant. We are still exploring if Kindergarten students will qualify for a transportation grant.
- **Will a family discount be available?**  
No. There will not be a family discount available for bussing as each seat has a required fee.
- **How will I receive updates for bus arrival times or delays?**  
Communication methods are being explored with the selected bus company.
- **Will the bus pickup point be within walking distance from our house?**  
Bus routes will follow established Calgary transit routes and pick-up/drop-off will be centrally located. This means that the bus pick-up point may not be within walking distance.
- **If there are more students using bus transportation, will the fee be reduced?**  
Yes. More students using bus transportation will reduce the cost of transportation for all users.
- **Do you know the bus times?**  
Pick-up times will be determined once registration is complete. The bus will aim to arrive at HCA by 8:05 am and leave the school at 3:30 pm.