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 year on or before the third Friday of September, a parent residing within the eligible transportation zone set by Alberta Education, (The distance eligibility criteria for ECS to Grade 6 students is 1.6 kilometres and the distance for Grades 7 to 12 students is 2 kilometres), must confirm their choice to utilize charter board provided transportation or convey their student to and from school and receive payment for that service.

Part time riders must ride either in the mornings or the afternoons only. Please note priority goes to the full time rider.

Transportation fees must be paid in full by March 1 and payment plans must be up to date or the student will be removed from riding the bus.

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 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. You will be informed if your student is placed on the waitlist.

2025-2026 BUSSING FEES

Approved by the Board April 23, 2025

Single Payment Fees (Due in October):

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

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

SERVICE CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Parents may choose to cancel their use of the transportation service. All transportation cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to the transportation coordinator (schoolbus@westmountcharter.com) and must include the date at which the student will stop riding the bus. The deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation requests include an administrative fee of \$50 per rider.

Should a student withdraw prior to the start of the school year, a full refund (less the non-refundable deposit) of any fees paid will be reimbursed.

Should a student withdraw from riding the bus prior to January 31, 50% of the fees paid (less the non-refundable deposit) will be reimbursed.

Should a student withdraw from riding the bus after January 31, no refund will be issued. Parents will only be eligible to change their Parent Provided Funding choice until September 30. The deposit is non-refundable.

Refunds will not be given, but are not limited to the event of the following:

- 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