

Transportation News

One benefit of being a chartered, non-public school is the opportunity it gives many of our families to request transportation from their respective local school districts. The basic rule is that your local school building must be within a 30-minute bus drive from Temple Christian School in order for your family to qualify for transportation or an "in lieu of" reimbursement fee. The four local school districts that are currently transporting our students are Bath, Elida, Shawnee and Lima City Schools. The other districts that are within the 30-minute guideline have chosen to pay our families the reimbursement fee instead of providing actual transportation.

Transportation is available for students in Kindergarten through 12th for most districts. Some districts have chosen not to transport K4 students. **Lima City Schools transports K5 – 5th grade students only.** It is parents' responsibility to contact their local school district for current information and to arrange transportation.

Here are some important specifics to consider:

1. Districts have the choice of providing transportation or paying an "in lieu of" reimbursement fee to each family that qualifies for transportation. In other words, districts that do not have very many TCS students will probably choose not to transport our students. They will choose to reimburse the families in their district at the the end of the school year with whatever money is designated by the state. Families will need to fill out an application in order to receive reimbursement. This application would have to be filled out at the beginning of the school year.
2. In order to qualify, a family's school district must be within a 30-minute bus drive to TCS. If there is any doubt, the district will probably drive a bus from the public school building to TCS to see if the family qualifies.
3. Each district's decisions and policies may vary from one year to the next.
4. TCS students may share their bus with students form other schools.
5. The amount of time our students spend on the bus will vary greatly. Some students may have to be picked up very early and ride for a long time. Please ask your local school district what to expect.
6. TCS students may be transported from their homes to another school before being transported to TCS.
7. Riding the bus is not mandatory. Obviously, you may choose to drive your child to school.
8. If a district decides to transport our students, you may not request an "in lieu of" reimbursement.
9. In the event of a delay or cancellation, buses will follow the decision of their district, not ours. For example, if Lima City Schools close and we do not, their buses will NOT transport our students that day.
10. EACH OF OUR FAMILIES DESIRING BUS TRANSPORTATION MUST CONTACT THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRAGEMENTS. PLEASE CONTACT TCS ONCE ARRANGMENTS ARE MADE. WE WILL CONFIRM THOSE ARRANGEMENTS AND ADD YOUR CHILD TO THE APPROPRIATE BUS LIST. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS IS LISTED ON THE BACK.

11. Please remember that this is a tremendous opportunity to demonstrate a positive Christian testimony to the various districts that transport our students. We want them to see our students, families and school in a positive light at all times.

Hopefully this information has been helpful in making you aware of the transportation options available to you. It is important that you contact your local school district as soon as possible. Each district will need time to adjust their transportation plans and schedules for our students.

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