

## **APA School Transportation Program for 2009-10**

*Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh!*

*Alhumdu lillah*, in 2007-08, we introduced the school bus program serving North Austin areas. Based on demand from families living in South and West Austin, we started a van service for those parts of the city in 2008-09.

Due to the overwhelming response to the current North Austin bus route in which >50 students rode the bus in the 2008-09 academic year, we are launching a second service for the North beginning this academic year. This route will serve cities and communities located to the East of Interstate 35, mostly, southern parts of George Town and all of Round Rock.

Details of all three transportation services are as follows:

### **1. North Austin Route**

The routing consists of pickup/drop off points as given below.

#### **Morning Schedule**

6:40 AM	RM1431/Whitestone Blvd. & Lakeline Blvd. (Walgreens Parking Lot)
7:00 AM	Parmer Lane & Avery Ranch Blvd. (CVS Parking Lot)
7:15 AM	Parmer Lane & Amherst Blvd. (Walgreens Parking Lot)
7:20 AM	Parmer Lane & Metric Blvd. (Ryans Parking Lot)
7:30 AM	Parmer Lane & Harris Ridge Blvd. (Walgreens Parking Lot)
7:55 AM	Bus/Van arrives at APA

#### **Afternoon Schedule**

3:00 PM	Bus/Van leaves APA
3:25 PM	Parmer Lane & Harris Ridge Blvd. (Walgreens Parking Lot)
3:35 PM	Parmer Lane & Metric Blvd. (Ryans Parking Lot)
3:50 PM	Parmer Lane & Avery Ranch Blvd. (CVS Parking Lot)
4:10 PM	RM1431/Whitestone Blvd. & Lakeline Blvd. (Walgreens Parking Lot)

## 2. North East Austin Route

The routing consists of pickup/drop off points as given below.

### Morning Schedule

7:00 AM	Mays Street & Bowman Drive (YMCA Parking Lot)
7:10 AM	Mays Street & Garden Path (Street Corner)
7:15 AM	Gattis School Road & Red Bud Lane (Walgreens Parking Lot)
7:55 AM	Bus/Van arrives at APA

### Afternoon Schedule

3:00 PM	Bus/Van leaves APA
3:25 PM	Gattis School Road & Red Bud Lane (Walgreens Parking Lot)
3:35 PM	Mays Street & Garden Path (Street Corner)
3:45 PM	Mays Street & Bowman Drive (YMCA Parking Lot)

## 3. South Austin Route

The routing consists of pickup/drop off points as given below.

### Morning Schedule

6:50 AM	RM2222 & McNeil Road (River Place)
7:10 AM	HEB @ WestLake
7:20 AM	Chase Bank @ William Cannon & Mopac
7:50 AM	Bus/Van arrives at APA

### Afternoon Schedule

3:00 PM	Bus/Van leaves APA
3:20 PM	Chase Bank @ William Cannon & Mopac
3:35 PM	HEB @ WestLake
3:50 PM	RM2222 & McNeil Road (River Place)

**IMPORTANT NOTE: On Fridays only, the bus/van will arrive at the stops 45 minutes in advance of the regular dropoff times.**

## **Program Cost**

Given below is a summary of the bus/van fee structure.

One child:	\$100
Two children:	\$150
Three or more children:	\$175

APA is offering a highly competitive rate for the students; it is indeed subsidizing the bus/van service, particularly taking into account the deep discount offered to siblings. This fee is very reasonable, considering the cost of gasoline, vehicle depreciation, and time spent driving to school, etc.

Please note that payment for the bus/van must be made in advance and is non-refundable. Payment must be made at the school office as per the schedule for monthly tuition fees.

## **Registration**

Please be advised that seats are available only on a First Come First Serve basis. Therefore we urge you to reserve a seat by completing the attached Bus/Van Registration Form as soon as possible.

Enclosed are Important Information About APA School Transportation Program, APA-Parent School Transportation Agreement, and Bus/Van Registration Form.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the school office at (512) 926-1737.

*Jazakum Allahu Khairan*

Austin Peace Academy

## Important information about the APA School Transportation Program

- Two separate and independent companies, Durham School Services and Austin Premium Limousine, provide transportation services for APA.
- Participating parents must sign the APA-Parent School Transportation Agreement for each child taking the school bus.
- Students who are not signed up for the bus/van service are not allowed to take the school bus or van on a 'daily' basis since they need to be pre-registered for the service, with the names of authorized persons for pickup of the student(s), on file with APA and the transportation companies.
- A parent or a teacher may use the school bus/van, but only on a 'seat availability basis'. There will be a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person one way.
- Parents (or authorized persons) of students who will use the bus/van service must remain with their child(ren) until they board the bus/van in the mornings and be present at the designated stops when the bus/van arrives in the afternoon.
- If a parent or an authorized person is not present at the stop to receive the child, the child will be taken back to the school and kept in after-school care. There will be an hourly charge for custody of the child. It is important that the parent or an authorized person be present at the stop to receive the child.
- When the bus/van arrives at the bus stop, all students must be present at that time at the stop. Under no circumstances will the bus/van wait extra time for any student at any of the bus stops.
- If a student misses the bus/van at his/her bus stop, he/she can board the bus/van at the next scheduled stop.
- We plan to have adult supervision (an APA teacher, parent, or volunteer) on the bus/van to monitor the students who use the service. However, such arrangement cannot be guaranteed.
- Boys and girls will be seated in separate rows, preferably on opposite sides of the center aisle.
- While the transportation companies cannot guarantee a female bus driver, they will make every effort to provide a female driver as per our request.

- APA contracts Durham School Services and Austin Premium Limousine to provide transportation service; as such agreement is between APA and the transportation provider as it pertains to the logistics of the service. However APA may require an agreement between APA and parents, as it deems necessary.
- While the parent is responsible for student safety at the bus stops, Durham School Services and Austin Premium Limousine will take all measures to transport students safely and is wholly responsible for the safety of the students on board the bus/van. Students as well are responsible for safe actions and behavior while on board the bus to prevent jeopardizing themselves, other students, or the driver.
- Students using the bus/van will be held to the disciplinary policies of APA when inside the bus/van as well. Repeated behavioral or safety violations by students will result in “suspension” from the service.
- While Durham School Services and Austin Premium Limousine will make all attempts to arrive at the bus stops at the appointed times, they cannot be responsible for delays due to reasons beyond their control such as weather, heavy traffic, accidents, vehicle breakdown, etc.
- If the bus/van arrives late at school, students taking the bus/van on that day will not get a ‘tardy’ attendance.
- Durham School Services and Austin Premium Limousine carry, auto liability, general liability and workers compensation (employee) coverage.
- The bus/van service is very economical for parents. Even if a parent drives to school daily only for either drop off at mornings or pickup at afternoons, we estimate the cost of gasoline alone will be more than \$100. This is excluding car mileage and depreciation, time spent driving to and from school, etc.

## **APA – Parent School Transportation Agreement**

I fully acknowledge that Austin Peace Academy is offering the school transportation program solely on a non-profit basis, and only as a convenience to its students. I understand that Durham School Services and/or Austin Premium Limousine are responsible for the safe transport of the students and carry all applicable liability coverage.

I hereby indemnify Austin Peace Academy and its administrators, staff, officers, and volunteers from any and all liabilities that might arise from use of the school transportation service, including but not limited to, during transport on the bus/van and at the pickup/dropoff points.

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Student Name

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Parent Name

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Date



## North Route Registration Form

**Name of Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Stops**

**Desired Bus Stop:** **1<sup>st</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ (1) RM1431 & Lakeline Blvd. (Walgreens)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Parmer Lane & Avery Ranch Blvd. (CVS)  
(3) Parmer Lane & Amherst Blvd. (Walgreens)  
(4) Parmer Lane & Metric Blvd. (Ryans)  
(5) Parmer Lane & Harris Ridge Blvd. (Walgreens)

**Registration Fees:** **1 child** \_\_\_\_\_ **2 children** \_\_\_\_\_ **3 or more children** \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$100** **\$150** **\$175**

**Authorized pickup person(s) at the drop off location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship Phone Number

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Name Relationship Phone Number

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Name Relationship Phone Number



