

## **Bus Transportation Policies and Procedures**

Charter schools are not required by state law to provide bus transportation for their students. However, Southeastern Academy Charter School offers a bus transportation system. Every effort is made to provide students with safe, efficient transportation. Bus routes and stops are established with the safety of students in mind. The bus route will be determined by the school administrator. Any requests for changes should be directed to the school administrator. The bus driver(s) cannot accommodate requests for changes to the bus route without approval from the school administrator.

Students must abide by all school and bus safety rules as stated in the Discipline Policy. Students who misbehave or violate school or bus safety rules may lose their opportunity to ride the bus. Please remember bus riding is a privilege and should not be abused.

The buses will travel to centralized stops. The bus route will be available from the school office and website. In the interest of safety and efficiency, parents must meet the buses at the designated time each morning and afternoon. Repeated failure to do so may result in the loss of bus privilege.

Due to limited space on our buses, transportation is not guaranteed. Parents interested in using the bus for transportation for their child(ren) to and from school should inquire at the time of enrollment or with their letter of intent to return. If the number of interested applicants exceeds space available, a lottery will be held to determine riders.

Priority for seat availability will be given to:

- Bus riders from the previous year
- Siblings of bus riders from the previous year (even if newly enrolled)

Therefore, students who rode the bus the prior year and wish to continue will not need to enter their name in the lottery. If student names are in the lottery and there are siblings, all the siblings will go under the last name as one. If that name (with the multiple sibling names) is pulled, the whole sibling group gets spaces on the bus.