



June 2021

Dear Parents,

The Cambridge Public Schools system provides **free bus service to the International School of Boston. All children age 4 through grade 8 attending ISB and residing in Cambridge** are eligible for bus transportation to and from school. More information about the service, including transportation rules, schedules, plus a Twitter account to see information about service delays, is found on the Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) website: <https://www.cpsd.us/departments/transportation>. Please familiarize yourself with the important information on this site. Please note that the CPS Bus Tracker can be accessed only by parents of children enrolled in the CPS and not ISB parents.

I serve as liaison between the CPS Transportation Department, Eastern Bus Company and ISB Cambridge families interested in the service by providing the names and addresses of students who will ride.

The CPS Transportation Department reserves a few seats on **one morning bus** serving other Cambridge schools for ISB students. Morning routes are determined largely by the needs of CPS students which means that service is available to ISB students from most, but not all, Cambridge neighborhoods. The **afternoon bus** serves only ISB children.

To help insure continued service please note the following:

1. **I am the contact person during the school year and can be reached at 617-583-9219 or kallen@isbos.org. Parents should address their questions about bus operation and ridership to me.**
2. Children do not have to ride the bus daily both ways. Parents may elect to use the service in full or in part (e.g. only morning service, service on Tuesdays only).
3. The Transportation Department must know who will ride the bus before the start of each school year. It is, however, possible to enroll and then make changes to your child's service during the year with advance (at least one week, please) notice. I don't expect you to know your child's schedule for the year now but please give your best estimate of his schedule which you may adjust as the trimester and afterschool clubs start.
4. The bus service normally starts the first day of school for Cambridge Public Schools (see CPS Calendar: https://www.cpsd.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3042785/File/cps_district_calendar_2021_22.pdf)

****Please note that as of now we do not have a confirmed start date****. However, for the first week of service, while both bus drivers and families are becoming accustomed to the bus routine, parents should be prepared to get their children to and from school - just in case!

5. The bus will run according to the Cambridge Public Schools Calendar. If the CPS are closed for any reason, the bus will not run even though ISB is open. There is no afternoon service on the eight days that the CPS have an Early Release nor will there be afternoon service on days ISB closes early. **Parents are expected to refer to the CPS calendar and plan ahead for days there is no service.**
6. **Schedules: the morning buses arrive at ISB between 7:25am and 7:45am (or did in the past – the CPS were remote the majority of 2020-21 so our morning bus was later).** Children are dropped in front of Building 4. Exceptionally, Cambridge bus students are permitted to enter the School (and are supervised) before the drop-off time of 7:30am. The **afternoon bus** departs at **3:30pm sharp from the side of Building 4. Morning schedules are released in late August. The afternoon schedule is determined by the number of children riding each day (which varies from day-to-day). There is no published afternoon schedule. After a few days of service, parents will be able to gauge the approximate arrival of the afternoon bus at their child's stop.**
7. Students below grade 3 will not be allowed to leave a bus unless there is an adult or older sibling whom the child recognizes at the bus stop. **Parents are responsible for picking up their children at their bus stop.**
8. **Most importantly: except in case of true emergency, parents must give 24 hours notice for any temporary change in their child's bus routine. Please do not call or email me or your child's teachers with a same-day bus change that is not the result of an emergency situation.**
9. **Finally, rules for ridership (and sanctions for failure to comply with these rules) are clearly stipulated on the CPS Transportation Department website. We ask that parents and children follow these rules in order to ensure continuation of this valuable service.**

Enjoy the vacation and à la rentrée!

Kate Allen



CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL BUS 2021-22 BUS SCOLAIRE DE CAMBRIDGE

Children age 4 through grade 8 living in Cambridge are permitted to use the Cambridge Public Schools bus. The bus service should start on September 9 (to be confirmed). If you are interested, please fill out the sign-up form at the bottom of the page and return it immediately to kallen@isbos.org. Thank you.

Last Name Nom	First Name Prénom	Grade Classe	Monday Lundi		Tuesday Mardi		Wednesday Mercredi		Thursday Jeudi		Friday Vendredi	
			AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
EXAMPLE/EXEMPLE:												
Meyer	Isabelle	3rd / CE2	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO

HOME ADDRESS: _____

BUS STOP*: _____

*The bus route and stops in 2020-21 were limited due to COVID and the fact that the CPS were remote the majority of the school year. If you do not live near a stop on the 2020-21 route, please leave the stop blank and the CPS will assign a stop based on the home address. Also, the morning bus' 2020-21 scheduled arrival time of 8:00am is considerably later than in previous years when it would arrive at ISB around 7:30am. The morning schedule for 2021-22 is yet to be confirmed. The afternoon bus will leave as in the past at 3:30pm.

We are interested in the Cambridge School Bus program. We agree that this schedule is permanent and can be changed **only with advance notice** as stipulated in the letter to parents dated June 2021.

Nous sommes intéressés par le programme du Bus Scolaire de Cambridge. Le Lycée International de Boston se basera en permanence sur cet « emploi du temps » et c'est seulement en cas **d'URGENCE** que l'École acceptera de le modifier.

Signature : _____

Date : _____

**INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF BOSTON -
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC
SCHOOLS BUS 2020-21**

7:20 MAGAZINE & WILLIAMS
7:28 KING SCHOOL
7:32 MT AUBURN & ASH
7:40 HAGGERTY SCHOOL
7:50 MASS & BEECH

8:00 AM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

3:30 PM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

HAGGERTY SCHOOL
WALDEN & SHERMAN
MASS & BEECH
CAMBRIDGE RINDGE AND LATIN SCHOOL
PUTNAM & RIVER
MAGAZINE & WILLIAM

AFTERNOON STOP TIMES WILL CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE
STUDENTS RIDING EACH DAY.