



## The school year is right around the corner! Follow our checklist to make sure you are prepared for the first day of school.

- 8/8 & 8/15- Attend an information session about transportation options.
- Review your personalized commute plan and decide on your commute mode.
- 8/1- Register for bus routes on SchoolPass. Instructions Here!
- 8/10- Update your license plate information on SchoolPass (including caregivers).
- 8/19 Interested in Public Transportation? Attend a training with Chris!
- Kids Ride Free cards are ordered for all GDS students with a DC address, no action needed on your part, Subsidized Metro fare can be ordered on CampBrain.
- Reach out to Chris about taking a test commute on Metro, Cycling, or Walking.
- 8/31- Register your commute plan with the school.
- 9/1- Update your arrival and dismissal defaults on SchoolPass.
- 9/2- Fill out your carpool placard.



### Meet with Chris Oster, GDS's Environmental Stewardship and Campus Commuting Manager

Do you have questions about our transportation programs? Schedule a personal consultation about your family's sustainable commute options. Reach out to Chris at [coster@gds.org](mailto:coster@gds.org) to set up a time to talk.

Scan here for  
transportation links!



## GDS Shuttle Bus registration is open!

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GDS has 10 routes and 31 bus stops across the DMV. Rides cost \$2/day for mornings and \$6/day in the afternoons for the full school year. Registration is done through SchoolPass. Families will be billed based on actual use and will receive bills quarterly. Financial Aid will be applied at the same rate as tuition.

The schedule for the buses can be found on the transportation minisite. Registration is open until all seats are filled.

All buses arrive between 7:45-8:15 AM and depart GDS at 3:40 PM

Buses will run everyday that at least 1 division is in attendance. I.e. if the HS is off but the LMS is in session, the buses will still run. Buses will only run on 1/2 day schedule if all divisions are on 1/2 day.

For all school late starts, buses will run on a 2 hour delay.

## Be a carline hero and know before you go!

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Make carline headaches a thing of the past with these must knows!

**Use our Virtual Carline Simulator.** Experience carline virtually using our choose your own adventure simulator.

**Don't arrive early.** Arrive at or about 5 minutes after your family's pick-up bell to avoid long queuing times and waiting in the wrong carline. Families arriving early may be asked to leave and return at dismissal.

**Make sure your license plate and other information is updated on SchoolPass** before the first day of school.

**Follow instructions from GDS security personnel.**

**Have a sustainable commute option ready for the mornings.** Most families (except PK-1 and families previously notified) are required to carpool if arriving on campus in the mornings. Consider biking, walking, public transit, carpooling, the GDS Shuttle Bus, or arriving early!

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## About our Neighborhood Transportation Agreement

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As a condition of our occupancy, GDS has agreed to abide by a set of conditions agreed to with the Board of Zoning Adjustment and ANC 3E. The agreement is comprehensive to many aspects of life at GDS, with transportation being a subset. Outlined below are the most pertinent for our families. Enforcement of this agreement means that violators are subject to disciplinary actions and fines.

GDS must limit the amount of vehicles entering and leaving campus between the hours of 7:30-9:00, 3:00-4:30, and 4:30-7:00. Every vehicle trip on or off campus matters during these time periods. Traffic is limited to 595, 465, and 265 trips respectively during these time periods (1 TRIP is a vehicle entering OR leaving campus, so dropping off a student and leaving campus is 2 trips) The school conducts trip-counts, a counting of vehicles during these time periods, to show our compliance with our zoning order. You can help by biking, walking, Metroing, carpooling, and limiting the driving to campus during those time periods.

All drop-off and pick-up is to occur **on campus**. Please do not drop off your students in the neighborhood or park in the neighborhood to walk your students to school.

Please observe the street restrictions for driving during all pick-up and drop-off periods. These include the campus adjacent portions of Chesapeake Street, 43rd Street, 43rd Place, Ellicott Street, and Fessenden between River Road and Wisconsin Avenue.

All vehicles **must** be registered with the school through SchoolPass. This includes student drivers and caregivers.

There is **absolutely no** student parking allowed in the neighborhood (ANC 3E). This includes the unzoned streets in the residential areas around campus.



Have questions about our transportation programming? Email us at [ImproveMyCommute@gds.org](mailto:ImproveMyCommute@gds.org)