

# HOTCHKISS

## Summer Portals

### Important

Although we cannot be responsible for transporting students whose flights arrive outside the prescribed shuttle times, we recommend livery services along with train and taxi options below. **Students traveling as Unaccompanied Minors will need to coordinate transportation with one of the livery services.** Please contact our office for guidance in travel arrangements. We hope that this effort will make the process of getting students to campus more convenient and safe, and we encourage you to sign up early so that we can confirm buses accordingly.

**Eligibility for the free shuttle requires a completed travel form by June 1.**

### Arrival Information (for the JFK Shuttle):

Students should make their way to Terminal 1. The charter bus will depart from the Arrivals level by 4:00pm. Students arriving in other terminals may board the AirTrain to reach Terminal 1 – it can be a bit of a walk, please consider this when organizing your luggage. Students should not expect to be escorted from their individual terminals.

For students whose flights arrive in the early morning, they must plan for unaccompanied time spent waiting at the airport.

Families registered for the shuttle will receive an email the week prior to departure with an attachment. Please print and carry the Portals logo with you to facilitate identification by Teaching Fellows (and other Portals students!) in the airport.

### Departure Information (for the JFK Shuttle):

Departure flights scheduled to leave JFK earlier than 11:00 a.m. will not be eligible for free transportation. For students whose flights are scheduled late in the day: please plan for unaccompanied time spent waiting at the airport.

JFK Airport Drop-off shuttle will arrive at Terminal 1 before noon. Students departing from other terminals may board the AirTrain at Terminal 1. Students should not expect to be escorted to their individual terminals.

### The JFK Airport Shuttles are:

#### Session 1:

**Arrival** Saturday, July 1 will depart from the airport at approximately 4:00pm

**Departure** Saturday, July 15 will depart from campus by 9:30am

#### Session 2:

**Arrival** Saturday, July 15 will depart from the airport at approximately 4:00pm

**Departure** Sunday, July 30 will depart from campus by 9:30am

### Alternative Transportation Options

**Metro North Train** Grand Central Station to Wassaic, NY

Call [Metro North's Harlem Valley Line](http://www.mta.info/mnr/schedules/sched_form.cfm) at 1-800-638-7646 for exact departure and arrival times or visit their website ([http://as0.mta.info/mnr/schedules/sched\\_form.cfm](http://as0.mta.info/mnr/schedules/sched_form.cfm)).

### Livery and Taxi Services

[Antique Limousine Service](#), Bethlehem, CT (800) 917-9537

Carriage Limo, Oxford, CT (203) 264-1002

Executive Livery LLC: Goshen Office (860) 491-3955 or Salisbury Office (860) 435-8000

[Lindsey Limousine](#), 200 Addison Road, Windsor, CT (860) 289-5466

If you have any questions, please contact us at [summer@hotchkiss.org](mailto:summer@hotchkiss.org)

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### **If my flight is delayed, am I still eligible for the shuttle?**

All students whose flights arrive or depart within the suggested times will receive confirmation regarding the shuttle. Once a student is confirmed travel on the airport shuttle, the student will remain eligible for transportation to campus (even if a flight is delayed).

### **Can my child travel as an Unaccompanied Minor?**

If your student is younger than 16 years of age, please check with your airline or a travel agent prior to purchasing your tickets. We are not able to meet the higher demands of the special services required of a student traveling under an Unaccompanied Minor airline ticket. Please note that Portals personnel do not meet students at or escort them past Security to their gates. If you need special services, please make the necessary arrangements with a professional livery service.

### **Will someone meet my child at the airport?**

Resident Teaching Fellows will not meet individual flights, but will join students in one of two places:

1. The Food Court in Terminal 1, which can be found on the level above Departures/Ticketing counters (try to sit near Dunkin Donuts).
2. Arrival Eatery, which can be found on the East side of the Arrivals level in Terminal 1 (this is the departure area for the charter bus.)

### **Will the Charter Bus stop at each terminal?**

No, the bus will leave from the Arrivals level in Terminal 1.

Students should make their way to Terminal 1 via the AirTrain.

Morning arrivals: students should gather near the Dunkin Donuts in the Upper Level Food Court.

Afternoon arrivals: students should gather near the Arrival Eatery in the East Arrival area outside Customs.

Teaching Fellows will meet students in the Upper Level Food Court between noon and 1:00pm; escort them to the Arrival Eatery; and on to the charter bus which will bring them all to campus.

### **May I accompany my child on the shuttle to campus?**

No, the shuttle service is for students only. Please see the list of Livery and Taxi Services provided if you plan on bringing your child to campus.

### **Are there other airport options?**

Yes, there are quite a few airports in the NY area as well as Bradley International airport in CT. Hotchkiss Summer Portals transportation is not provided from or to these airports.

### **Will someone escort my child to the airport?**

Resident Teaching Fellows will *escort* students to JFK. The bus shuttle will deliver students to Terminal 1.

Fellows will direct students to the appropriate departure terminals. Students may find that there is lag time between arrival to the airport and their departure flight time; they may spend some time unaccompanied in the airport. We will ask them to go thru Security when they arrive at the airport.

If you intend to meet your child at JFK, you may meet the bus at Terminal 1. Please provide contact information (name and mobile number) of the adult that may meet your child at the airport.