



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

Dear MKA Families,

As we look forward to the 2023-2024 school year, we would like to share information regarding our for-fee busing options below.

MKA, along with other independent schools in North Jersey, is struggling with the lack of bussing services and dramatically higher prices. Based on the demand for bus transportation and locales for students, we will determine routes and proceed accordingly.

The demand for door-to-door bus service will determine routes and availability. When transportation requests are completed, we will get back to families with more information on final schedules and routes. Families who sign up for either service will be billed through their Blackbaud Tuition Management account.

If you have any questions, please contact [Eileen Richardson](#) or [Jennifer Young](#).

OPTION 1: Shuttles with Centralized Pick-Up and Drop-Off Locations

MKA will provide the following central locations for two shuttle routes for Middle and Upper School students.

Shuttle Bus #1

- Covenant Presbyterian Church: 291 Parsonage Hill Road, Short Hills
- Livingston Public Library: 10 Robert H. Harp Drive, Livingston

Shuttle Bus #2

- Maplewood Memorial Library: 129 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood
- Mountain Station: 449 Vose Ave South Orange

The fee for the entire year is \$1,200. **Please note:** this fee covers the entire year regardless of usage.

Families who choose this option will receive detailed information about morning pick-up times and other specifics later in the summer. Departure times will be 3:00 p.m. from the Middle School and 3:15 p.m. from the Upper School for both shuttle routes.

OPTION 2: Door-to-Door Bus Service (subject to ridership)

Rates for Door-to-Door Service

Round-trip Fee – \$8,250

One-way Fee – \$5,995

Estimated A.M. Drop-Off Times

7:30 a.m. Middle School Campus

7:40 a.m. Upper School Campus

7:50 a.m. Primary School Campus

Estimated P.M. Pick-Up Times

3:45 p.m. Primary School Campus (Students can attend Extended Day at no cost until)

4:00 p.m. Upper School Campus

4:15 p.m. Middle School Campus

Late Routes: Due to low ridership, we will not be providing a late bus route this academic year.

Please Note: The Middle School bus runs at 4:15 p.m.; a supervised study hall with homework assistance will be provided free of charge for students not involved in sports or other after-school activities. Primary School students can attend Extended Day at no cost until 3:45 p.m. at which time the bus departs.