



## Transportation Fee Communication

Franklin Families,

As many of you know, Benjamin Franklin Charter Schools prides itself on providing a wholesome school environment as we strive to educate the hearts and minds of our students.

When busing was introduced to the BFCS program some years ago, the school took on the entirety of the cost despite not receiving any additional funding specific to transportation. As regulations have increased and the cost of nearly everything has risen far faster than education funding, transportation is taking up a larger portion of the general budget.

In order to defray the rising cost of providing transportation, BFCS has determined it necessary to assess a reasonable fee for busing beginning the 2026/2027 school year. At this time, the fee will apply only to elementary bus routes. Fees will not impact BFHS shuttles at this time, but may be added at a later date. Annual fees will go toward purchasing, maintaining, and operating our daily bus routes.

### **The fees will be assessed as follows:**

- \$200 per Single Rider per School Year
- \$350 per Family (siblings only) per School Year

### **There are three options for payment:**

1. **Early Bird Payment**

If paid in full by July 1, 2026, includes Early Bird Discount (10% off) + Full Year Payment Discount (10% off)

- Single Rider w/Early Bird Discount: \$160
- Family w/Early Bird Discount: \$280

2. **Full Year Payment**

If paid in full by July 18, 2026, includes Full Year Payment Discount (10% off)

- Single Rider w/Full Year Payment Discount: \$180
- Family w/Full Year Payment Discount: \$315

3. **Semester Payments**

No discount offered.

- Semester 1 Payment Due - July 18, 2026 (\$100 Single Rider, \$175 Family)
- Semester 2 Payment Due - December 20, 2026 (\$100 Single Rider, \$175 Family)

To make a transportation payment for the 26/27 school year, please follow the link [HERE](#).

Thank you for your understanding. We recognize that this may change the plans of some of our families regarding whether or not to utilize our transportation services. If you have questions regarding fees or would like to change your transportation plans, please email David Craig at [transportation@bfcsaz.com](mailto:transportation@bfcsaz.com).

Sincerely,

The BFCS Administrative Team

## **Mandatory Bus-Rider Parent Meeting Communication**

Franklin Families,

The goal of the BFCS Transportation Department is to provide our students with the safest ride possible. Our drivers are certified by the state and receive training on safety regulations and requirements throughout the year. These trainings include requirements for both the drivers and their passengers.

Students who are unable or unwilling to contribute to the safety of the trip for all riders will not be permitted to continue to ride our elementary routes. In order to fully understand the expectations and responsibilities of ridership for both parents and students, BFCS will host a **mandatory** Bus Rider Parent Information Meeting.

Prior to riding during the 2024-2025 school year, at least one parent or guardian of every rider must attend one of the following meeting options and sign a Bus-Rider Agreement.

The options for meeting dates are as follows:

Monday June 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Please RSVP [here](#) to attend a mandatory bus rider parent information meeting.

Thank you for your trust in BFCS to educate the hearts and minds of students in a wholesome environment. We appreciate parent support and student cooperation in maintaining that environment and expectation throughout the day. For questions, concerns, or to notify BFCS of changes in your transportation plans, please email David Craig at [transportation@bfcsaz.com](mailto:transportation@bfcsaz.com).

Sincerely,

BFCS Administrative Team