



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.

Sincerely,

The BFCS Administrative Team