BELMONT HILL SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FAQS: 2026/2027

I understand buses pick-up at a limited number of points in each town. Why not at our door?

With centrally located pick-ups, each bus can serve the largest number of students and get students to school on time. Only in this way can we reach the greatest number of families in need of school transportation.

Will my son be leaving home very early and arriving home quite late?

While your son's pick-up and drop-off times will depend on his stop, morning pick-ups are between 6:35AM and 7:35AM (to assure arrival at school by 7:50AM) and afternoon drop-offs are between 5:10PM and 6:10PM most days. On late start Thursday, buses will pick up 30 minutes later than the usual morning pick-up time. On Wednesday and Friday game days, buses will leave the school at 5:30PM and drop-offs will be between 5:45PM and 6:45PM.

My son needs bus transportation for two months this fall. Can you schedule service for him and prorate the annual fee?

Bus transportation is a costly and complex enterprise sustained by the school on an at-cost basis to help families without other attractive transportation alternatives. In order to keep a full year commitment to these families, we need a corresponding full year commitment from them. We are not able to accommodate occasional, monthly, or even seasonal ridership. **While you may select either one-way (AM or PM, not a combination of both) or round-trip transportation, we ask you to make a full year commitment. Fees will not be prorated for part year ridership or adjusted for absence.**

I understand that certain sports have games and may practice past the normal afternoon bus departure time. How is this handled?

IMPORTANT NOTE

Schedules vary considerably from sport to sport. However, to accommodate the greatest number of sports schedules, buses will run at 5:30PM on Wednesday and Friday game days in order to connect with boys returning from away games.

On occasion boys may not return from games until after 5:30 PM departure time. In cases such as this you and your son will have to make other transportation arrangements. The bus transportation fee is not prorated for these or other occasional conflicts.

Round-trip riders who play a sport which regularly (three or more days per week) practices past 4:45 PM may be eligible to receive a $300 credit upon request via email before the athletic season ends. In general, this applies only to certain **Varsity** and **JV** sports, most notably: football, hockey, basketball, tennis, baseball, lacrosse, crew, golf, and sailing. The drivers take attendance and will be aware of ridership patterns.

What is the fee for the bus service? When is the fee charged?

The fee for bus service is charged in two installments.

CHARGE MONTH	ROUND TRIP	ONE WAY	BOARDING STUDENT
AUGUST	$3,500	$2,000	$900
JANUARY	$1,000	$1,000	$0
TOTAL	$4,500	$3,000	$900

Is there anything else I should know?

We pledge to do our very best to provide your son with reliable transportation. However, we cannot control traffic, weather, and unforeseen equipment problems. Although we have a solid record of reliability, problems beyond our control may in some instances delay or even prevent your son's bus from reaching its stop. Beginning this fall Belmont Hill will utilize a bus tracking system. We will do our very best to operate on schedule, but safety takes precedence over schedule. We appreciate your understanding and forbearance if on occasion the buses are unable to meet schedule.

In Closing

If at any time during the year you have concerns about the manner in which a bus is being operated, please bring those concerns directly to the attention of the Facilities Department Adminstrator, Alexandra Dent at 617-993-5256. We know you want, and we want to provide, safe transportation for your son.

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