

2021-2022 Transportation Information

Information for students who will be riding a SHUTTLE BUS to/from the Academy:

AM block (8:40 – 9:45 am) Shuttle buses are available from a limited number of schools.

MD block (11:45 – 1:00 pm) Shuttles are available from most schools.

PM block (1:00 – 2:10 pm) Shuttles are available from some schools

Shuttle Bus schedules are posted at the Academy Office and all classrooms. We do not post it online for security reasons.

For all blocks: If shuttle buses are not available, students must provide their own transportation.

You are strongly encouraged to ride a shuttle bus if there is one available for you.

The decision to use Shuttle Bus transportation must be made at the beginning of the school year. Due to difficulties in scheduling buses and bus drivers, students who have an option must choose to either ride the shuttle bus provided by FCPS or use a private vehicle. **FCPS policy states that students cannot ride the bus on some days and drive a car on other days.**

***PLEASE NOTE: If a shuttle has no riders for three consecutive school days, that shuttle will be cancelled for the rest of the school year. Cancelled shuttles will not be reinstated! Also, due to budgetary considerations, a shuttle must have at least five constant riders.**

Tips for Riding the Shuttle Bus:

- **Be On Time!** Missing class because you missed the shuttle bus is considered an Unexcused absence. Be sure to leave your class 5-10 minutes before the scheduled departure time of your bus. Buses are on a very tight schedule. *If a student misses their shuttle that returns them to their base school, the student/parents are responsible for transportation back to the base school.* Parents will be called to arrange transportation.
- **Be Patient!** The first couple of weeks of school are hectic for everyone, including bus drivers. It may take a week or two before everything runs smoothly. If you are having trouble with your shuttle bus schedule, please notify the Academy Office so we can work with the Transportation Office to resolve the problem.
- **Check with your School Attendance Office or Counselor at your base school** to determine the departure time, waiting area, and the shuttle number for your bus. All buses arrive at and depart from Door 10 at Fairfax Academy.
- **Shuttle drop off/pick up while at the Academy:** Students will be dropped off and picked up at Door 10 at Fairfax Academy. After class, several shuttle buses arrive at once, which requires them to line up at the side of the school. Students should exit Door 10 and turn left to walk up to the side of the school to the shuttle buses. Students riding shuttle buses are released 5-10 minutes early so that they can get to their shuttle on time.
- **Altered Schedule:** The Academy shuttle bus schedules stay constant and do not change when base schools have altered schedules because of testing, pep rallies, or other specific events. The Academy shuttles are canceled for PSAT testing day, Delayed Opening, and Early Release days.

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Information for students who will be DRIVING to the Academy:

*Students who drive to the Fairfax Academy must apply for an Academy parking tag. All forms must be turned in before a parking tag will be issued.

*If you have a parking tag from your base school, then an Academy tag will be issued free of charge, as long as all forms are completed and turned in.

*If you do not have a parking tag from your base school, you may purchase a Fairfax Academy parking pass for \$67.00 (made out to Fairfax High School).

*Students without available shuttle transportation will be guaranteed a parking space and may drive immediately.

*Students who have an available shuttle may not drive until forms are completed and turned in and issued a parking tag.

*Parking tags will be issued upon receipt of all completed forms. If the student's base school does not have an available shuttle, parking tags may be issued before then, as long as all Academy forms have been turned into the Academy office.

*In the event a student has to drive to the Academy and they do not have a parking tag, the Academy office can issue a one-day parking pass. The student is responsible for getting the pass from the Academy office when they arrive, displaying it in their vehicle, and parking in the space assigned by the Academy office. Note: This cannot be done on a regular basis and will be monitored. Also, there is no guarantee a space will be available on the day you arrive.

To be eligible to drive and park at Fairfax Academy, students must do the following:

1. **Fill out and submit the Academy Transportation Agreement.**
2. **Fill out and submit the Parking Tag Application with payment (or base school Tag).**
3. **Submit a copy of the student's Driver's License, which must be current and in good standing.**
4. **The student's Base School Tag must be brought to the office to be attached to the Academy Parking Tag. Otherwise, please submit payment of \$67, cash, or check written out to Fairfax High School.**

Tips for Driving & Parking

- Registered parking is strictly enforced at Fairfax High School and Fairfax Academy. The FHS Security Office issues Academy parking tags and handles all parking violations. If you receive a ticket or are booted, it must be resolved at the Finance Office, not the Academy Office.
- Both the FCPS parking tag and the Academy parking tag are uniquely numbered and cannot be transferred to or used by any other student.
- Academy students must park only in their reserved Fairfax Academy space, located in the back lot near Old Lee Hwy. All other spaces are assigned to Fairfax High School students, staff, and visitors. If you park in any of these spaces, you may be booted! Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding FHS is by City of Fairfax permit only.
- If the student driver is absent, the students who ride in that car are still responsible for getting to the Academy on time for class. Have a backup system in place!
- If a student is late or absent when driving OR riding in a car to the Academy, the absence/tardy is not excused. Traffic jams, speeding tickets, car trouble, and fender benders all fall into this category. This is FCPS policy.
- Students who drive may make a stop between schools to pick up a lunch or snack. However, no other stops are permitted (including stops at home).
- **Obey all traffic laws: Observe speed limits, no U-turns on Lion Run, obey Virginia's passenger limits for young drivers. Most of all, please be safe and drive carefully! Thank you for your cooperation.**

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