

Hamilton Calvin Christian School - Bus Registration 2017-2018

Please read and fill out this form if you require school bus services. Return the completed form to the school office along with your tuition forms.

Important Bus Information

Routes: The Transportation Committee will do its best to consider the safety and needs of all riders when designing the routes.

Please note the following:

Routes will be assessed and changed on a yearly basis. Routes will be finalized during the summer. Route schedules will arrive with other school information in August.

Passengers: Priority will be given to CCS families, then to HD siblings, and finally to HD only families based upon availability.

Note: HDCH students will need to **make alternate arrangements** on the days that CCS is closed (PA days, weather, etc). Please refer at the school website www.ccs-hamilton.ca/transportation for a complete list of non operating days.

Cost: The yearly transportation fees are charged at a flat rate; there are **no** part-time rates. Fees are the same for all families regardless of the route or the frequency of rides (i.e one way or both ways; every day or occasional days). Transportation fees are charged as follows:

2017 - 2018 Fee Structure -						
CCS Only \$1675	CCS and HDCH \$2025	Kindergarten			HDCH only \$2125	HDCH CCS Shuttle Only \$860 (\$430 one way)
		\$838.00	\$250.00 each additional day	\$125.00 Mes Amis		

Parents and Guardians:

CCS strives to offer all students riding the bus a safe and welcoming environment. In order to achieve this riders must work together to make the route safe for everyone. School bus safety is the responsibility of the Board of Directors, Transportation committee, drivers, parents, and students who use the bus. All riders are expected to behave responsibly and respectfully while waiting for, or traveling on, the bus. Riding the school bus is a privilege that can be withdrawn if expectations are not followed.

Please review with your child(ren) the Code of Conduct and the School Bus Discipline Policy. This information can be found in our parent handbook. Please go to our CCS website and click on "About Us", "Transportation", "Transportation Policy". Riding the school bus is a privilege that can be withdrawn if expectations are not followed.

A few helpful points to consider

1. At the stop:

- Arrive at your pick up point five minutes before arrival time. Buses will not wait for riders who are late.
- Wait well back from the curb or roadway until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is open.
- When crossing the road, cross in front of the bus's crossing arm.

2. On the bus:

- Take your seat promptly and remain in your seat until you arrive at your destination.
- Respect and promptly obey the bus driver and the bus patrollers.
- Do not speak to the driver while the bus is in motion unless there is an emergency.
- Hold backpacks on your lap or store them in overhead racks. Do not leave items in the bus aisle.
- Seek permission to have a guest on the bus one day in advance from Mr. Hosmar or the bus driver.
- Disembark only at stops predetermined by parents and school officials.

3. The following activities are NOT permitted on the bus:

- eating, drinking, or smoking
- interfering with bus equipment (including: fire extinguisher, safety devices, emergency doors)
- vandalizing or damaging the bus (cutting, puncturing, defacing)
- throwing items in the bus or out bus windows
- profane, obscene, or disrespectful language or behaviour
- horseplay, wrestling, or physical altercations of any kind

CCS BUS DISCIPLINE POLICY

The school is committed to a restorative practice approach to discipline. Information about this approach can be found on the school website under secure forms.

Non-compliance of the school bus policy will be reported to the school administration, and the following actions will be implemented:

1. **First Occurrence:** The bus driver will make a report to the vice-principal. The vice-principal will have a discussion with the student(s) using the restorative practices model. There will be a focus on restoring the relationship between the individuals involved. Parents will be notified.
2. **Second Occurrence:** If a student is involved in repeated misbehaviour, then a restorative circle approach may take place with all involved, the vice principal, and possibly the bus driver. Parents will be notified.
3. **Additional Occurrence:** If the student's negative behaviour continues, a conference with the principal, vice-principal, parents, and all involved student may be called. Although a desire to seek reconciliation will be the main focus, further consequences may be invoked at the principal's / vice-principal's discretion.
4. Cameras have been placed on the buses for security and safety reasons.

Please acknowledge your understanding and agreement by signing below and returning this form to the school office.

I have read and discussed both the Code of Conduct and the Discipline Policy for riding the Calvin Christian school bus. My child(ren) and I are in agreement with its expectations and we understand the consequences of non-compliance.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Name of Student	Current grade level in CCS or HDCH

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(This information will be placed on the bus route list)

1. Parents' Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Contact number: Please circle preferred contact number

_____ (Cell)

_____ (home)

Email: _____

2. Emergency contact name and number in case of daytime bus cancellation:

Name _____ **Number** _____