

Transportation Opt Out Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Can I transfer the credit to another child?** No. The credit is only for use for the student applying.
2. **My student only needs the bus for one way. Are they eligible for the credit?** No. They must be able to guarantee they will not ride the bus at any time during the school year.
3. **PSEO Students.** My child is going post secondary full time. Are they eligible? No. They are automatically removed from the bus system and do not have any way to use the credit since they are not on campus. Part time PSEO students are eligible.
4. **Arts Magnet Students.** Out-of-district AMS students are not eligible for the credit because their busing is provided through the AMS program and not BHM Schools.
5. **When will the credits become available?** They are available on January 29, 2019.
6. **Can I combine 2 students parking pass credits to pay for the full year \$100 parking cost?** No. The credits will only be available in January. You can choose a food service credit for one and a parking pass for the other if they are sharing a car.
7. **My middle school child gets a ride from my high school student. Are they eligible?** No. This program is only available for BHS and Phoenix students.
8. **Why is the credit not available in the first semester?** This gives families a chance to determine if having your student drive every day works for you. You can cancel at any time before January 24, 2019 and will not have to pay back the credit.
9. **Where do I mail my paper or drop off my paper form?** Forms must be sent or dropped off at 214 1st Ave NE, Buffalo, MN – **NOT the high school.**
10. **How do I confirm you received my form?** When completing the online application you will receive an automatic response to your email address supplied. Or call or email Rebecca Neumann at 763-682-8705 rneumann@bhmschools.org. She will confirm receipt of your form. Please note we cannot guarantee the reliability of the US Mail. No credit will be given for any form not received by the deadline.
11. **What if my child doesn't get their license until after the deadline?** The only time to sign up is prior to July 1, 2018
13. **What happens if I don't get my form in by July 1, 2018?** If we don't receive a form, no credit will be given. The only credit given is for a form we have in our possession. We cannot guarantee the reliability of the US Mail.

Things to consider if you aren't sure to sign up your child:

- Winter driving in MN can be dangerous. If you sign up your child for the program, they are not able to ride the bus even on a bad weather day.
- If you are signing up an unlicensed child who will ride with a licensed student, please be aware that they cannot ride the bus if the licensed student is ill or is involved in sports.
- Breakdowns do occur and you will want to make sure you have an alternate ride available if this occurs.
- New driver? Maybe you want to wait until they have a year of experience under their belt before limiting their access to the bus.

We hope you find this information helpful. If you have questions that aren't answered here, please call Rebecca Neumann at 763-682-8705 or email her at rneumann@bhmschools.org. Due to the volume of calls, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your interest in this program.