

1.24.2025

Merritt Academy Bus Transportation Service 2025 - 2026

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering bus service again this year. The morning buses will arrive at the school by 8:25 a.m. The afternoon run will leave the school at 4:30pm. The 4:30pm bus run will allow students to participate in afternoon activities or study halls and still ride the bus.

If you are interested in signing up your child(ren) for one of the bus runs, please fill out the information requested on the Bus Transportation Application. Please keep in mind a few general guidelines:

- Children must be at least 4 years old. Our buses are not required to have child car seats or booster seats, but do have seat belts.
- Children in the K4 program can continue to ride the bus during the summer; however increased summer rates will apply.
- We will establish the most efficient routes possible and we will make every effort to include all children on the bus. Please keep in mind that Merritt Academy families live all over the metro area and we do not want any child riding the bus for an excessive amount of time (more than one hour).
- Our buses will not run when Fairfax County Schools are closed, delayed or released early. For up-to-date information check our website at www.merrittacademy.org and click on the Emergency Announcement link to the right or call (703)-273-8001 ext 401.
- The bus routes will be established by **August 8, 2025** based on the applications received by **July 18, 2025**.
- We do not offer bus service on an “as needed basis” or “emergency only” basis.

Switching from the earlier bus run to the later bus run, or vice versa, after the routes are established will only be permitted if it will not interfere with the existing schedule.

Monthly Fees:

Round Trip:

Home \$365 per month (\$251.00 per month for each additional child*)

One Way:

Home \$230.00 per month (\$158.00 per month for each additional child*)

*There is a 25% discount for each additional child per family using the bus service

Please complete the enclosed form to apply for bus transportation and return to the front office, attention: Pete Smith.

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Bus Transportation Application

Student Name(s): _____ Birth Date: _____

_____ Birth Date: _____

_____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Parent Name: _____

Mother's Email: _____

Father's Email: _____

Mother's Home Ph: _____ Mother's Work Ph: _____

Mother's Cell Ph: _____ Father's Cell Ph: _____

Father's Home Ph: _____ Father's Work Ph: _____

Please check the bus service you request, and indicate the afternoon departure time, if appropriate.

_____ **One Way**

_____ **Round Trip**

_____ Morning

_____ 4:30 p.m. departure

_____ 4:30 p.m. departure

Specific Directions from Merritt Academy to your home:

Authorized Parent Signature _____ Date _____