

Calvin Christian School - Bus Registration 2010/2011

Please read and fill out this form if you require bus services for the 2010/11 school year. Return the completed form (**Page 2**) to the bus driver or the school office by Friday March 12, 2010. Please keep this page for your reference.

Also included please find the Calvin Christian School School Bus Code of Conduct. CCS strives to offer all students riding the bus a safe and pleasant environment. School bus safety is the responsibility of the Board of Directors, parents, and students who use the bus. All riders are expected to behave responsibly and respectfully while traveling on a bus as well as while waiting at pickup and transfer points. Riding the school bus is a privilege that can be withdrawn if expectations are not followed.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, sign the form and return it to the school office. A complete copy of the Transportation Policy can be found in the Parent Handbook and on the school website.

Important Bus Information:

Routes: The transportation committee will do its best to consider the safety and personal needs of all riders when designing the routes; however, the following factors will be considered key in the decision making:

- the pick-up and drop-off location of the youngest riders
- distance from the school (rural, suburban, metropolitan)
- traffic patterns and road safety
- travel time for all riders
- needs of pupils who for physical or other handicaps require special transportation

Routes will be finalized during the summer. Route schedules will arrive with other school information in August. Completing the registration form does not guarantee bus services. The Transportation Committee will do all it can to accommodate as many families as possible.

Passengers: CCS bus services are available for families with children enrolled in CCS as well as families with children in enrolled in both CCS and Hamilton District Christian High School (HDCH) or enrolled just in HDCH. HDCH students will be accommodated as space permits. Note: HDCH students will need to make alternate transportation arrangements on the days that CCS is closed (PA days, weather, etc). ALL unregistered bus users must acquire permission to ride on the bus from Mr. Hoekstra a minimum of 24 hours before riding.

Cost: The yearly transportation fees are charged at a flat rate; there are no part-time fares. 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:

2010/2011 Transportation Fees *(subject to change)*

CCS ONLY - \$1100	CCS and HDCH - \$1450	Kindergarten only - \$550	HDCH only - \$1550
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Fees for CCS families are included on the 2010/2011 Tuition Form. HDCH only families will be invoiced separately. Shuttle bus services are not included on this registration form.

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

Bus Rider Expectations:

1. At the stop:

- Arrive at your pick up point five minutes before arrival time. Buses will not wait for riders who are late.
- Conduct yourself in an orderly manner while waiting for your bus.
- Wait well back from the curb or roadway until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is open.
- Cross in front of the bus approximately 3 metres when crossing the road.
- Disembark only at stops predetermined by school officials.

2. On the bus:

- Board the bus in single file and in an orderly manner;
- 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. (Note: items too large to be properly stored will not be allowed on the bus.)
- Protect skates with skate guards or other protective material.
- Seek permission to have a guest on the bus one day in advance.
- Take all personal belongings when you disembark.

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 out bus windows
- profane, obscene, or disrespectful language or behaviour
- horseplay, wrestling, or physical altercations of any kind

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE POLICY

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

1. First offence: the driver will write a report to the Vice Principal.
2. Second offence: the driver will write a report; the Vice Principal will contact parents/guardians.
3. Third offence: minimum one day suspension from riding privileges. The Vice Principal will consider reinstatement after satisfactory consultation with parents and driver.
4. Repeated offences will result in permanent removal from bus privileges. Bus fees will not be reimbursed when students are removed from bus privileges.
5. The responsible student and his or her parents will compensate for property damage and vandalism.
6. The school administration reserves the right to implement immediate suspension of riding privileges should student behaviour warrant it.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. Parents' Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Contact number in case of daytime bus cancellation or emergency during the route home: _____

3. Which route do you require:

Ancaster		Caledonia		Mountain		Mt. Hope		Downtown	
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4. Which time do you require? AM and PM AM only PM only

2010/2011 Transportation Fees (please check applicable box)

CCS only - \$1100		CCS + HDCH - \$1450		KDGN only- \$550		HDCH only - \$1550	
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If interested in the shuttle bus service (CCS to HDCH), please check here. A separate form will be forwarded. _____

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	Grade (as of September 2010)	Signature of Student