



Abington Friends School

## Transportation Department

May, 2016

Dear AFS Families,

I am very pleased to once again offer the Northwester School Bus for the 2016-2017 school year. This route serves the northwest section of the city and was originally created as an alternative to the limited school bus service offered by the Philadelphia School District. Since it began six years ago, the Northwester route has grown in popularity and many families have come to appreciate its **convenience, reliability, and affordability**. Input from our community has been central to the ongoing success of this bus route and your continued involvement will shape and refine what we offer for this school year.

The efficiency of a standardized bus route coupled with a large AFS subsidy enables us to keep the cost much lower than our traditional door-to-door van service. Robust ridership greatly influences our ability to keep costs down as well. In an effort to make the Northwester Bus a viable option for as many families as possible, we have decided to again keep fees unchanged for the upcoming year. I welcome you to consider this service as you plan for the upcoming school year.

### The Route

The basic structure of the route is as follows. In the AM, the route begins at the Chestnut Hill West Train Station at 7:00 AM then proceed down Germantown Ave. The bus will then turn right on Allens Lane then left onto Wissahickon Ave. where it will stop at Johnson St. and Wissahickon Ave. at 7:20. From there it will travel north on Washington Lane making a stop at the Jenkintown Train Station near 7:47 AM before arriving at AFS. The bus will then be on call in the event of a late train.

The afternoon route will depart AFS promptly at 3:20 PM. After stopping at the Jenkintown Train Station it proceeds to the Chestnut Hill West Train Station where it will begin the route as in the AM. The exact PM drop off times could change slightly based on actual ridership.

*Note: We can create a stop at any point on or near the established route that may be more convenient for you.*

**Late Bus:** The bus departs from Upper School at 5:30 PM on Mondays to Thursdays and goes to the Chestnut Hill West Train Station and then continues through its usual route. Drop off times and the actual route will vary depending on who is riding on any given evening. Late bus service is included at no extra charge for round-trip riders and is available as a stand-alone service per activity season.

### Pricing

As mentioned above, the rates for this service continue to be heavily discounted:

Round Trip (includes late bus service when needed)	<b>\$ 1,470.00</b>
One-Way only	<b>\$ 950.00</b>
Late Bus only (per season: F= Sept-Nov, W=Dec-Feb, S=Mar-Jun)	<b>\$ 370.00</b>

If you wish to add your student(s) to the Northwest route, please complete the enclosed form and return it to me with a \$500 deposit per child as soon as possible. Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Santaniello  
AFS Transportation Manager  
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(215) 576-3981



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*Northwester Bus Route Sign-Up*  
2016-2017 School Year

In order to facilitate planning, we ask you to please fill out this form and return *without delay*.

Student(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_

**Additional siblings ride at a 50% discount**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Work/cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Service Requested:*

- \_\_\_\_ Round Trip (Late Bus Included) \$ 1,470.00
- \_\_\_\_ One way (AM or PM) circle one \$ 950.00
- \_\_\_\_ Late bus (Fall / Winter / Spring) circle one \$ 370.00  
Fall= Sept-Nov, Winter=Dec-Feb, Spring=Mar-Jun

Location of bus stop \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

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**Please return this form with full payment or a \$500.00 deposit to:**

**Abington Friends School  
Transportation Dept.  
575 Washington Lane  
Jenkintown, PA 19046**