
Valley Christian Schools Bus Transportation Agreement 2024 - 2025

The use of the **Valley Christian Schools' Bus Transportation Routes** by its students is a *privilege* for usage between the Tempe K-8 Campus, Chandler High School Campus and Central Christian Church (CCC) in Gilbert. The capacity on the bus is limited and therefore, sign-ups are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Intercampus routes between Tempe K-8 and Chandler High School are free with required sign-ups each academic year. The Central Christian Church route to Gilbert for the 2024-25 academic year is \$150 a month per student, with no more than \$250 per household.

This service is available during scheduled school days:

- In the morning before school begins
- In the afternoon after school ends – unless otherwise announced or communicated by the Valley Christian Schools Transportation Department prior to any exceptions.

Route Scheduling

Pick-up and drop-off times are consistent on regular school schedule days. However, the schedule and/or availability can be impacted during abnormal schedule days (i.e. early release, Trojan Tournament, testing days, etc.) or by any significant challenge to internal staffing levels. Any impact to the service – including any potential route cancellations – will be announced at a minimum of a week in advanced via email and/or via the Transportation Page of the Valley Christian Schools website.

Usage of Services

Students signing up for VCS Bus Transportation Services will be expected to use the service consistently and regularly every week. Short-term sign-ups *are not permissible* at this time. Should a student be recorded as consistently using the service *less than two days a week*, an email advisory will be sent to the parent/guardian to confirm the need for the service. Notified students who then continue to use the service less than two days a week will be *removed* from the service to allow an opportunity for a student on the waiting list.

Rider Expectations of Behavior

Students granted the privilege to use VCS Bus Transportation will be expected to follow the [Bus Behavioral Rules](#) on every route - including any instructions given by the bus driver - for the safety of their fellow students and the driver. Any violation will be addressed verbally by the bus driver to the student. Continuous violations of the [Bus Behavioral Rules](#) will be communicated to the parent/guardian and can result in the recommendation for disciplinary action from VCS Administration, including the potential for suspension from the use of VCS Transportation Services.

Student Pick-Ups

Parents/guardians whose student(s) will be using VCS Bus Transportation are expected to *immediately* pick-up their student(s) upon bus arrival at either the Chandler High School Campus or at Central Christian Church (CCC).

- *For the Central Christian Church Afternoon Route:* any student who has not been picked-up by their parent/guardian or a previously designated assignee *after approximately 10 minutes* will be returned to the Tempe K-8 Campus and sent to the afterschool childcare program (Kid's Club) until they are picked up. If still a student is not picked up by a parent/guardian/designated assignee *after one hour*, it can result in an additional charge from the afterschool childcare program, which would be charged to the student's profile.
- *For the Tempe K-8 to Chandler High School Afternoon Route:* students not immediately picked up by a parent/guardian/designated assignee will be temporarily housed inside a designated classroom at the high school and will be overseen by a VCS staff member. Students placed in the classroom must be signed out by the parent/guardian/ designated assignee. *All students* will not be permitted to exit the classroom on their own. Any student who has not been picked-up by their parent/guardian or a previously designated assignee *after approximately 30 minutes* will be returned to the Tempe K-8 Campus and sent to the afterschool childcare program (Kid's Club) until they are picked up. If still a student is not picked up by a parent/guardian/designated assignee *after one hour*, it can result in an additional charge from the afterschool childcare program, which would be charged to the student profile.

ID Verification

When students are picked up in the afternoon, VCS Staff have the right to ask for any additional identification from any individual picking up a student: whether it is government-issued identification, or for a VCS car tag (used for student pickup procedures at the Tempe K-8 campus). Failure to provide a government-issued identification upon request may result in the student not being released until communication with a parent/guardian.

Acknowledgement

Upon signing-up a student for the VCS Bus Transportation, the student's parent/guardian confirms that they have read and understood all of the above and agrees to adhere these new policies and procedures for the 2024-25 academic year at Valley Christian School.