



The Edmonton Society for Christian Education (ESCE)
Yellow Bus Information and Conditions of Service

ESCE BUS OPTIONS

1. North East / High School Shuttle

This yellow bus service is for **High School students** travelling between the Northeast School and the High School. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Schedule:

- Students using this service must be at Northeast School before 8:10am to ensure the bus arrives at the High school by 8:45 am.
- The bus arrives back at Northeast School at approximately 4:00 pm (3:00 pm on Thursdays).

Stops:

- Morning bus stop at Northeast: school bus zone on 59A Street, south of the bus pull-out.
- Afternoon bus stop at Northeast: school bus pull-out on 59A Street.
- **There are NO bus stops between Northeast and the High School.**

Parents may not use the bus zone to wait for students as it must remain clear of all vehicles.

2. Rural Route (Spruce Grove and Acheson)

This yellow bus service is for **High School and West School students** living in the Spruce Grove and Acheson areas.

Stops:

- Limited to Parkland County. *Stops are subject to change yearly as per applications received.*
- Stops will be determined based on applications and may include driveway pickup or a shared location with other families.
- **There are NO bus stops between the school and the designated rural stops.**

APPLY

- Fill out the online application form at edmchristian.org/bus (or scan the QR code below).
- **Bus applications must be submitted each year, as they do not automatically renew.**
- All applications for ESCE yellow bus service must be received by June 1 each year to be eligible for bus service on the first day of school in September.
- Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Stops will be determined based on applications and may include driveway pickup or a shared location with other families.
- Parents will be notified by email of the acceptance status of their busing application by August 1 each year.
- Scan to visit the busing webpage and application form:



ESCE BUS FEES

BUS FEES (Subject to Change)	Yearly Fee	Monthly Fee (10 Mo)
FULL-TIME RURAL ROUTE (Spruce Grove and Acheson to and from West and High School)		
One student in Kindergarten	\$735.00	\$73.50
One student in Grades 1 - 12	\$1,470.00	\$147.00
One student in Kindergarten AND one student in Grades 1 - 12	\$2,205.00	\$220.50
Two or more students in Grades 1 - 12	\$2,935.00	\$293.50
HALF-TIME RURAL ROUTE (Spruce Grove and Acheson to or from West and High School)		
One student in Kindergarten	\$445.00	\$44.50
One student in Grades 1 - 12	\$875.00	\$87.50
One student in Kindergarten AND one student in Grades 1 - 12	\$1,320.00	\$132.00
Two students in Grades 1 - 12	\$1,750.00	\$175.00
Three students in Kindergarten - Grade 12	\$2,610.00	\$261.00
HIGH SCHOOL SHUTTLE BUS (Northeast School to and/or from High School)		
One student in Grades 10 - 12	\$875.00	\$87.50
Two students in Grades 10 - 12	\$1,750.00	\$175.00
Three students in Grades 10 - 12	\$2,610.00	\$261.00
Maximum Family Fees		
	\$2,935.00	\$293.50

RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents are responsible for:

- the safety of their children until they board the yellow school bus at their designated pick-up point and after the bus drops them off at the designated drop-off point.
- advising an acting guardian, such as a babysitter or daycare provider, of all responsibilities.
- covering their monthly bus fees. Failure to settle these fees promptly may regrettably lead to students being ineligible to utilize the bus service.
- **informing the bus driver when their child will be absent from the bus.**

Students are responsible for:

- arriving at the bus stop five minutes prior to the scheduled time. Buses are not required to wait for students who are tardy.
- understanding and obeying the school bus safety rules.

Parents must ensure that their children:

- know how to get to and from the bus stop safely.
- have a place to go or a person to contact if the bus does not arrive.
- knows to report to the school office if they have missed their afternoon bus.
- understand that the bus will leave its stop at the scheduled time.
- are dressed appropriately, especially in inclement weather.
- know the rules and regulations of riding on the school bus, as outlined in the school bus safety rules.

Drivers are responsible for:

- driving safely and being on time.
- discipline in accordance with the Bus Safety Rules.
- notifying parents of unexpected changes in the bus schedule or cancellation of the bus.
- running the *GLYMPSE* app during their bus run so the bus can be tracked in 'real-time.'

BUS CANCELANATION INFORMATION

- The school bus may be late or cancelled during adverse weather conditions. If the school bus does not arrive twenty minutes after the scheduled pick-up time, make alternate arrangements to get your child to school.
- You will be notified if buses are cancelled during extreme weather and unsafe road conditions. SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN OPEN.
- When the temperature drops below -35C, as reported on Edmonton radio stations at 6:00 AM, buses will be cancelled. Our buses are widespread, and weather conditions vary in different areas; therefore, one route may be cancelled while the other may still run.
- **If your route is cancelled, a text message will be sent to your cell phone. A reply to this text is required to ensure all parents are notified of the cancellation.**

BUS SAFETY AND RULES

Student Behaviour and Discipline:

- In order to keep the ride to and from school safe for everyone, we expect students to exhibit responsible and respectful behaviour. Suspensions or expulsions could result if a student demonstrates unacceptable behaviour that threatens the safety of themselves or other students or willful disobedience to authority.
- The Executive Director of the Society and the principal of each school have final responsibility for discipline on all ESCE buses.

Method of Discipline:

- Verbal warning—bus driver will note the warning.
- Assigned seat—bus driver will note misbehaviour.
- Written misbehaviour notice to the school principal outlining misbehaviour and steps taken—The principal will take appropriate action depending on the situation (and may involve parents). The principal will notify the driver of the action taken.
- Written suspension notice—results in immediate suspension from the bus until the situation is resolved—a copy goes to the parents, principal and executive director. The student will not be allowed to return until a satisfactory resolution has been agreed to and

acknowledged by the parents.

Consequences of Misbehaviour Notice:

- Suspension from the bus
- Expulsion from the bus
- Consequences as arranged with the Principal
- In severe situations, the police will be contacted
- Any of the above steps may be omitted depending on the severity of the infraction

Expected Bus Rider Behaviour:

- Be courteous and respectful to the bus driver
- Follow the bus driver's directions as soon as they are issued
- Share seats with others as required
- Speak quietly and politely
- Bullying (both verbal and physical) will not be tolerated
- Keep the bus clean
- Do not use perfumes, hairsprays, lotions or nail polish while on the bus
- Do not eat or drink on the bus without permission of the bus driver
- Cameras may not be used, including those on cell phones, tablets or other electronic devices

Safety:

- At your bus stop, remain well back from the curb until the bus has stopped and the door has opened.
- Be seated and face the front of the bus at all times.
- Keep hands, head, feet, etc., inside the bus.
- Do not throw objects on the bus or out of the bus.
- The driver must be in attendance before boarding the bus.
- Use the emergency exit ONLY in case of an emergency.

Obey the law:

- Do nothing to threaten the safety of others on or off the bus.

- Do not vandalize the bus or anyone else's personal property.
- Do not hit, punch, kick or assault another person on the bus.
- Do not use matches or lighters.
- Do not have any illegal substances, including drugs and alcohol.

Bus drivers maintain order and discipline on the bus in accordance with the guidelines provided by ESCE. Any concerns regarding your child's transportation on one of ESCE's buses should first be directed to the Assistant principal, then to the Principal and then to the Executive Director.

In providing school bus transportation, our number one priority is the safety of students. ESCE ensures that school buses are maintained to the highest standard, in accordance with Alberta Transportation requirements and that our bus drivers have their Class 2 license, "S-Endorsement" training, 1st Aid, and have cellular phones to be used in case of emergencies.

Bus drivers are employees of **Hrehorets Bus Service**, which owns and maintains the buses used for ESCE yellow bus service.

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