

# St. Michael School Bus Service Frequently Asked Questions

## Is St. Michael serious about having buses for next year?

Yes. St. Michael has committed to hosting bus service beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. We have contracted with Miller Transportation.

## Is bus service only for families that live close to the school?

No. The proposed routes extend to neighboring counties. At this time, proposed routes extend from surrounding neighborhoods to the Wilsonville, Simpsonville, Douglas Hills, and Billtown Road areas. Routes will be finalized once families register in the spring.

## When will the bus arrive to school?

Buses will arrive at the school between 7:40 and 7:45 a.m.

## When will the bus leave school?

Buses will leave the school at 2:40 p.m. before Carpool 1.

## How close will the bus pick up/ drop off my child to my home?

The buses will drop your child off as close to your home as possible. Buses are not able to enter circle drives so they will drop off at the top of the circle. Depot stations will be available for more rural areas.

## How long will my child be on the bus?

Your child will be on the bus for a maximum of 1 hour one way. Routes are configured to have the least amount of time on the bus as possible.

## What safety precautions will be in place?

Our buses will have seat belts, air conditioning, GPS, and Wi-Fi. All drivers have background checks, Safe Environment training, and extensive training.

## Is my pre-schooler allowed to ride the bus?

Pre-schoolers may ride the bus if accompanied by an older sibling. Service will not be offered for mid-day drop-off/pick-up. Pre-school students who attend the afternoon session of ESC may ride.

## Is there a discount for one way?

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer a discount for students who ride one way. We must reserve a child's spot on the bus for both ways even if he/she does not always ride.

## Will the school use these buses for field trips?

The cost of bus service does not include field trips. However, we will be able to use our school's assigned buses for field trips.

## My child has two households. Can he/she still ride?

Accommodations will be made for children who have multiple households from dual custody situations.