

Transportation Options

1. Prep Busing

- Pickup Time: 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM depending on your bus route and stop
- Departs from PREP: 5:20 PM all buses
- Price: Average price \$1700
- Reimbursement for the Prep bus usage is paid directly to the PREP from the following school districts:
 - Abington
 - Colonial
 - Springfield (Delco)
 - Upper Darby
 - Interboro
- Reimbursement paid to families directly:
 - Cheltenham
 - William Penn (partial reimbursement)
 - Ridley School District (partial reimbursement)
 - Southeast Delco (partial reimbursement)

2. School District Busing

- Pickup Time: 6:10 AM to 7:30 AM depending on your bus route and stop
- Departs from PREP: 2:45 PM
- Districts that bus:
 - Haverford
 - Lower Merion
 - Marple-Newtown
 - Radnor
 - Springfield (Montco)

3. SEPTA Transportation

- Philadelphia Residents (minimum distance from the school of 1.5 miles)– SEPTA provides Weekday Student Passes for city transportation and they are distributed at the PREP on a monthly basis through the Dean’s Office
 - Weekday Student Pass is upgradeable to a Student Rail Pass for approximately \$5/wk.
- Non-Philadelphia Residents – The weekly Student Rail Pass can be purchased directly from the PREP. This allows the student to ride both the regional rail lines and all SEPTA vehicles (bus, trolley, subway, etc.)
 - Student Rail Pass – \$28 per week ALL ZONES or \$5.60/day

4. PATCO Transportation

- NJ residents may take PATCO to 16th and Locust and utilize the PREP shuttle service from 16th and JFK

5. PREP Shuttle

- Shuttle service from 16th and JFK to PREP begins each morning at 7:15 AM and runs through 8:30 AM
- Shuttle service from PREP to 16th and JFK begins at 2:45 PM and runs continually on the half hour to 5:30 PM
- 2015-2016 School Year price: \$300/year or \$150/year one way

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Prep Busing

The Prep contracts with Eagle Wolfington to provide busing to and from the Prep. The stops and routes are determined based on student population. Student addresses are mapped in a software program to determine the “best fit” for bus stops and routes.

The buses begin pickup times as early as 6:00 AM for some routes and arrive at the PREP between 7:45 AM and 8:00 AM. All buses leave in the evening from the PREP at 5:20 PM.

Busing is provided either one way (AM or PM) or both ways. If you ride one way, the charge is 75% of the full cost.

The PREP also contracts with the bus companies to take students who are participating in sports and need to be transported to the fields. The bus then transports the students from the fields back to the PREP to meet the 5:20 departing time. Bus transportation is provided for: Baseball, Cross Country, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Track, Rugby, and Spring Crew.

PLEASE NOTE: Spring Crew provides transportation to the river ONLY. Students are dismissed from the river and do not return to the PREP.

Busing is billed three times per year, due 10/15, 1/15 and 3/15. If your township reimburses the PREP directly for service, the PREP will provide the township with your son’s demographic information and you will not be billed. Families residing in William Penn, Ridley or Interboro should contact the district directly for reimbursement.

School District Busing

The PREP will provide your district with your busing requirements. If you have any questions about stops and routes, you may contact your district prior to the start of school. These buses leave the PREP at 2:45 daily and do NOT wait for students to return from the fields. In the event you require “seasonal” service for busing home, you may use the PREP buses for an Activity/Sports Seasonal Rate. You will separately register with the Finance Office for this service when your son is rostered for the team.

SEPTA Transportation

Students residing in Philadelphia are eligible to receive a Weekday Student Pass for use in the city for any bus, trolley or subway service. These passes are picked up in the Dean’s Office at the beginning of each month.

This service does not cover SEPTA Regional Rail. However, you may upgrade the Weekday Student Pass for a Student Regional Rail Pass for approximately \$5 per week. You may upgrade the pass at any Septa Regional Rail stops. The pass cannot be upgraded at the PREP.

Non-Philadelphia residents are eligible to purchase weekly Student Regional Rail passes directly from the PREP. These passes are ordered on a monthly basis and are sold directly to the student on either a weekly or monthly basis. These passes are valid on ALL SEPTA transportation including bus, trolley and subway. These passes are valid for all zones including zones 4 and 5. These passes are paid for and picked up by the students at the Finance Office each month. Each month you will be emailed when the passes are available for sale.

Shuttle Service

The Prep also offers a shuttle service to and from Suburban Station at 16th and JFK Blvd beginning at 7:15 AM and continuing until all students are picked up. The shuttles (3) are PREP owned vans which carry 9 students per run. The PREP also has two buses which arrive at 16th and JFK Blvd at 7:15. The first bus will park along JFK street and stay until 7:25 and the second bus will park along JFK and stay until 7:50. These buses provide a great amount of flexibility for the students based on train arrival times along with shelter in case of inclement weather. The vans run early than 7:25 and are used between the two bus runs depending on arrivals.

Daily Rates and Passes

Your son will be enrolled on a roster for a particular bus. His school ID will serve as his pass to ride the bus with confirmation from the roster. There is a daily rate to ride the PREP bus (\$10) and shuttle (\$5) either one way or both ways. If you need your son to ride in the event of an emergency, he may pay a daily rate in the Dean's office on that day and obtain a pass.

Other Notes:

We want to guarantee a safe and comfortable ride. At any time, your son may contact Security at the front desk 215-978-1000 (Bob Furth or Bob Reamer) to notify them if the train is running late or if they are running late. Security is in communication with the shuttle drivers at all times via radio and works to accommodate our students.

If at any time you have any comments regarding stop locations, please contact Bryan Ghee at 215- 978-1999 or we encourage you to email transportation@sjprep.org

Timetable:

April 15th – Transportation forms due to the PREP

July 25th – Notification of bus number and stop will be sent to you

August 8st – Deadline for all changes for PREP busing