



25-26 GCS School Bus Frequently Asked Questions

Why send your children on the school bus?

- It helps the environment by getting cars off the road!
- It reduces congestion for our neighbors.
- Students develop independence and build friendships across grades!
- Parenting adults have more time in their day!

What bus company is being used?

This year, GCS provide an independence school bus Services. We provide transportation services for pupils living in the cardinal areas surrounding the school.

What are the bus routes?

Morning Schedule	Early Afternoon Schedule	Late Afternoon Schedule
Route 1 (7:32 am)	Route 1 (3:30 pm)	Route 1 (5:19 pm)
Route 2 (7:39 am)	Route 2 (3:40 pm)	Route 2 (5:24 pm)
Route 3 (7:48 am)	Route 3 (3:52 pm)	Route 3 (5:36 pm)
Route 4 (7:52 am)	Route 4 (3:58 pm)	Route 4 (5:42 pm)
Route 5 (8:02 am)	Route 5 (4:04 pm)	Route 5 (5:48 pm)
	Route 6 (4:09 pm)	Route 6 (5:54 pm)

What does it cost?

The cost of the bus is N20,300 per rider for the entire year. If you plan to use the bus less than half the time, a part-time option is available for N10,600 per rider. While the cost of providing bus service increases each year, we have not raised the fee since launching the program two years ago. This N1,000 increase represents approximately a 5% adjustment.

- For families on TGCFScholarship, the fee will be reduced at the same IT rate that is available to your family for summer programs, Extended Day, etc.
- For families who join mid-year, the fee will be prorated.

How is the fee collected?

Once you register for the school bus, the fee will be added to your account for the 25-26 school year. If you do not want to pay, you can contact Us (info@gracecitadelschools.org) to arrange for an alternative.

Is it the same driver each week?

Yes, there is one driver who drives both ways; our bus driver is Mr. Noble Etim. Due to GCS rules in the face of exigency, it's possible our driver will change at some point during the year.

Are there driver background checks?

Yes. Pupil drivers must meet all the requirements by the Nigerian Department of Drivers and all state requirements.

Does the bus have seatbelts?

Yes. Every bus has seat belts with a cross-body shoulder strap.

Does the bus allow for booster seats?

Pupils can bring their own booster seat, however seat belts are adjustable at the shoulder, so a booster is not necessary.

How long does the bus wait at each stop?

The bus will wait 1 minute after the stop time at each stop. If you will be more than one minute late to your usual stop, drive your child to the next stop.

Do I need to wait with my child at the stop?

It is up to each family to decide if their child is safe and able to wait on their own. After school, the driver will not drop a student off without an adult present unless that child has permission to be released without an adult.

How will we know if the bus is on time or if our child has arrived at school/at their afterschool stop?

Parents can track their child's bus in real time on the FirstView app.

What are the rules for riders?

We have a code of conduct that all pupils at GCS are expected to follow.

SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Entry: Enter the bus quietly and go straight to a seat.
- Seating: Stay in your seat until the bus arrives and comes to a complete stop.
- Seat Belts: Put on the seat belt and keep it on the entire time.
- Keep Aisles Clear: Keep the aisles free of backpacks and other belongings.
- Respect: Use polite language and be respectful to the driver and fellow passengers.
- Quiet Voice: Speak quietly to avoid distracting the driver.
- No Bullying: Bullying, teasing, or any form of harassment is strictly prohibited.
- No Gum: Gum is not allowed on the bus.

Failure to follow the code of conduct may result in disciplinary actions such as assigned seating, suspension of bus privileges, or other school disciplinary measures.

What do veteran school bus families say?

- "The bus has changed my life! I have two hours of my day back. It's amazing." - Parent of MS riders
- "Even though we live close to school, having the kids take the bus has been a HUGE help to us. It saves way more time than I thought in the afternoon. AND the kids have a sense of independence that I wasn't expecting they would get or feel." - Parent of ES & MS riders
- "My kinder student has made friends in older grades, has a sense of responsibility with her bus badge, and has become more independent as a kindergartener! From the youngest to the oldest students at GCS, the consensus is that THE BUS ROCKS" - Parent of kinder rider
- "Having older students buckle the seat belts of the younger ones has become a sacred ritual." - Parent of a preschool rider

This sounds great! How do I sign up?

If you would like to sign up for the 24-25 school bus, please complete this [25-26 School Bus Registration Form](#).

If you have questions about the program that have not been answered in the FAQs above, please contact Head of Teachers @ +234 706 914 0950 or info@gracitadelschools.org. If you have questions about TGCFScholarship, please contact Us @ +234 802 386 5901.