



Summer Transportation Communication 21-22 School Year

Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Odyssey Charter School! We are excited to kick off the 2021-2022 school year.

Please take the time to read through this document thoroughly and share it with other members of your family who may be a part of your child(ren)'s arrival and dismissal process. This is not a skim over on your phone document... all of your transportation hopes and dreams are embedded in this document.

Within this communication, you will find arrival and dismissal times, detailed information pertaining to each building's carline procedures, and other important transportation information. All maps and bus schedules are online under the Transportation Tab..

Once again, we are collaborating with First Student to provide most of our bus transportation for our K-5th grade students. 4 OCS buses will run our most problematic runs for our K-5 students and all OCS buses will transport our 6th-12th grade students.

The OCS transportation department will continue to provide transportation for all field trips, sports runs, and extracurricular activities as scheduled. Our 5:00pm Activity Bus for students in grades 6th-12th will run throughout the year (Monday-Thursday) beginning on Monday, September 7th. Please see all schedules online under the Transportation Tab.

Please remember that the start of school is an exciting but hectic time for all members of our school community. Throughout the first month of school, we are still learning and improving upon all working systems including carline and bus routes. Please be patient and know that as each day goes by all members of our team will become more efficient with our arrival and dismissal procedures.

Please know that we are here for you and your family. It is our job and our mission to ensure your child gets to school and home safe everyday. Thank you for your continued support and know that the Odyssey Charter School Transportation Department is committed to providing safe, effective, efficient, and healthy transportation to all our students.

Evan Winokur
Transportation Manager
OCS Transportation Department

Arrival and Dismissal Times 21-22 SY Schedule K-12

Middle/ High School (Grades 6-12)

OCS Buses drop off: 7:25

Arrival (Carline): 7:30 – 7:40

Dismissal (Carline): 2:30 – 2:40

OCS Buses depart: 2:35

Intermediate School (Grades 3-5)

First Student and OCS Buses drop off: 8:20

Arrival (Carline): 8:20 – 8:30

Dismissal (Carline): 3:30 - 3:40

Lower School (Grades K-2)

First Student and OCS Buses drop off: 8:35

Arrival (Drop off): 8:35 – 8:45

Dismissal (Pick up): 3:50 - 4:00

First Student and OCS Buses Depart: 3:50-3:55

Early Dismissal Times (15 mins before dismissal, or parents must pick up in carline or pick up at the LS)

2:20: MS/HS

3:20: IS

3:35: LS

Before/ AfterCare:

See: <http://odysseycharterschooldel.com/before-after-care-program/>

[Enrollment Form](#)

Sibling Before/ After Care

Parents with students in multiple buildings do have the ability to utilize sibling Before/After Care. Time windows are 7:30-8:20am for Before Care and 2:30-3:30pm for After Care. Please note, the monthly price for siblings before/after care is **per family!**

LS Car Rider Sibling Procedure

If you have children in both the IS and LS, **you now have the ability to drop off your children at the same time during the IS car line from 8:20-8:30. (Pst... we did this last year) ☺**

- Go through IS carline
- Both LS/IS students will get out at the IS carline
- IS student will walk the LS sibling to a bus via the sidewalk
- LS students board an available bus. (Staff will be there to assist)
 - IS student enters through the main entrance
- LS student will be transported to the LS via bus
- If you arrive late and the carline is closed at the IS (**8:30**), you must still sign your child in at the IS and then proceed to LS drop off.

Guess Who's Back? Lower School Walkers

For families with students in the IS/MS/HS and the LS - students can all be picked up at the LS. MS/HS students will walk over to the LS from aftercare, and must be registered in sibling aftercare. IS students will be bussed down in the afternoon. (See LS Map for details)

IS students will be driven over at dismissal. All students should stand in front of the LS on the sidewalk and wait for their parents or guardian. They should join their siblings when they see them.

If you would like to register your child as an LS walker, please email your building level admin assistant with your child's full name, grade, the days they will be an LS walker, and who will be picking them up.

HS - Kristy Lingo: kristy.lingo@odyssey.k12.de.us

MS - Brittney Ridgway: brittney.ridgway@odyssey.k12.de.us

IS - Courtney Saxton: courtney.saxton@odyssey.k12.de.us

Lower School Pick Up and Drop Off

Please refer to the LS carline maps so you know where to park before you enter the campus. All parents must utilize the sidewalks and crosswalks when walking on campus. Please be patient and safe when driving around the LS, arrival is 10 minutes and will take that long in the beginning of the year as our new parents learn this procedure.

Bus Procedures and Routes

All 2021-2022 bus routes are on the OCS website under the Transportation tab.

Please remember that the times, routes, and bus numbers are subject to change.

Students in 6th–12th grade will ride OCS buses. Students in K–5th grade will ride a mix of First Student and OCS buses. Students should be at the bus stop ten (10) minutes before the listed time of the bus pickup in the morning. In the afternoon, all 6-12 students will be dropped off without a guardian present. K-5th students must be received at the BUS DOOR by a parent or authorized guardian or the student will be driven back to OCS and dropped off in Aftercare.

Where'sTheBus Parent App - GPS

If you have utilized the Where'sTheBus Parent App, it will continue to work and your updated bus number has been uploaded to the app. If you are not able to see the correct bus, please e-mail: transportation@odyssey.k12.de.us. Someone in our department will fix it and call you if we have questions.

If you have not signed up for the Where'sTheBus Parent App, please do so today following the one-page guidelines on our website. This app lets you know precisely when your bus will arrive at your bus stop, providing up-to-the-minute arrival time and bus location information.

Carline Decal Clings and Numbers

Families in grades 3-5 will utilize School Pass and will still keep their carline number. New incoming 3rd Grade students will get a new carline number when they register as a car rider through the transportation department. Please look out for an email on how to register in the next few weeks.

Car Decals for 6th - 12th Grade Students

Carline numbers are utilized for students in grades 6th–12th grade. All previous carline numbers will remain the same, i.e. if your carline number in the past was 18, it will remain 18. If you need a carline number, please e-mail transportation@odyssey.k12.de.us with your child's full name and grade.

OCS Carline decals need to be placed in the driver side windshield on the lower left hand side. Two decals will be given to each family.

Carline decal clings can be picked up in the main office of building 21 from 9:00am – 1:00pm beginning on 8/16, Monday through Thursday, or they can be mailed out. If you need new decals, please email us with your name, carline number and address and we will send you two more.



OCS Student Drivers

Student drivers **must** obtain a parking permit from the High School Office before driving to campus and **must** park in designated areas. To register and pay for a HS parking spot please email Kristy Lingo: kristy.lingo@odyssey.k12.de.us. Student drivers who are transporting siblings in the LS/IS must walk their siblings to the proper building. Students not following OCS safety guidelines for driving and parking on campus will lose their privileges.

Bus Route Before/ Aftercare Providers

Please see a detailed list of day care providers that are on our bus routes. If you have questions about the day care or pricing, please contact the provider directly. If you have questions about the routes, please contact transportation.

Transportation Changes

Please do not change/modify your child(ren)'s transportation method or bus route without contacting the OCS Transportation Department in advance. **All transportation requests must be made 72 hours before a change is made so the Transportation department can ensure the safety and well-being of all students and can locate them at all times.**

☺ When in doubt e-mail transportation@odyssey.k12.de.us or call 516-8000 x 4 ☺