



GETTING TO  
GDS

Hopper Transportation  
Program 2022-23

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## How will your child(ren) get to school this year?

Georgetown Day School offers a variety of transportation options to help our busy families navigate to and from school and meet our transportation requirements. For the 2022-23 school year we have retooled some of our stops and are looking forward to adding some exciting programming throughout the year. Check out an overview of the transportation offerings for the 2022-23 school year on the following pages. Important transportation news and updated information can also be found on the GDS website and transportation mini site.



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As we enter into the 2022-23 school year, we remain committed to emphasizing sustainable commute methods as a positive for our environment and meeting our neighborhood transportation commitments. Please review the selection of transportation options below to determine which works best for your family. It is important that you take the time to do so, as our neighborhood agreement requires requires carpooling, busing, and transit. Students may only be dropped off alone on campus in the four very specific cases listed below.

As part of our neighborhood agreement and legal commitments to the BZA, the only students who may be dropped off alone on campus by car are:

- › Students in PK, K, or 1st grade
- › Students with physical disabilities
- › Students being dropped off before 7:30 a.m. (LMS Students must participate in the Early Grasshopper Program. HS students may be dropped off at School early.)
- › Students identified by the school as being too far away from transit, GDS shuttle bus, and other GDS families to make it realistically possible to find an alternate way to school. These families will be informed that they are exempted from the requirement.

If your family fits into one of these categories, you will receive specific information from the School as well as a window cling tag designating your exemption status.

Should you have questions after reviewing these materials, reach out to [ImproveMyCommute@gds.org](mailto:ImproveMyCommute@gds.org) with questions.





# CARPOOLING

Families driving to campus are required to drop off at least two GDS students at a time. If other commuting options do not work for you, consider joining a carpool, which is a great way to reduce the amount of time you spend driving alone, while sharing the costs of fuel with others. There are also other advantages like decreasing traffic at school, reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and providing extra social time for children. Find a carpool match on MyGDS using the directory maps feature. Simply click on your zip code to find the families who live closest to you!

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## Neighborhood Street Restrictions

Families may not drop their children off in the vicinity of campus in lieu of driving onto campus itself. Our BZA agreement stipulates that no passenger pick-up or drop-off is permitted on any of the streets or alleys immediately adjacent to campus. This includes Ellicott Street, 42nd Street, Chesapeake Street, River Road, 43rd Place, and 43rd Street. Families are also not permitted to park on neighborhood streets to walk their children to campus, nor may they park and wait for their children in the afternoons. Refer to the Family Student Handbook for a full list of street restrictions.

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## Early Grasshopper Program and Free Breakfast for Early Arrivals

For families wishing to arrive early or who wish to still drive their 2nd-12th grader to school alone, drop-off before 7:30 a.m. is an option. LMS students arriving between 7:00-7:30 a.m. will participate in the Early Grasshopper Program, including a light breakfast and several activities, at no cost. HS students arriving between 7:00-7:30 a.m. will be invited to enjoy a free breakfast in the LMS dining hall before heading to the High School. More information about the Early Grasshopper Program is available online at [www.gds.org/academics/extended-day](http://www.gds.org/academics/extended-day). Please note that there is a fee for arrival after 7:30 a.m. and after that time, 2nd-12th grade students may **not** be dropped off alone.





# BIKING

GDS is dedicated to being a bike-friendly destination for students who choose to bike to campus. Campus has new and improved bike racks inside both parking garages and along Davenport with updated security features. In addition, two bike lanes are installed along 42nd street between Wisconsin and Chesapeake to make immediate arrival to school safer.

## Free Bike Safety Workshops and Events

Join us at these upcoming bike events. Register for classes online at **[gdscommutes.campbrainregistration.com](https://gdscommutes.campbrainregistration.com)** We will be adding more events as the year goes on so make sure to read the weekly communications emails for details!

### HS Students and Parents

- Saturday, August 20th from 10:00-11:00 AM, Bike Maintenance Class, CityBikes

### PK-8th and Parents

- Saturday, August 20th from 9:00-10:00 AM, Bike Safety Class

### All-School Events

- May 2023, National Bike Month (Prizes and incentives all month long)
- Wednesday, September 21st, Car Free Day! (Prizes for participants)
- Wednesday, October 12th, Walk and Roll to School Day (Prizes for participants)
- Wednesday, May 17th, National Bike to School Day (Prizes for participants)
- Friday, May 19th, Bike to Work Day (Prizes for participants)



# STUDENT PARKING

Applications for student parking are distributed in the summer to eligible 11th and 12th graders. There is limited parking on campus and spaces will be allocated based on how many other students they are driving to school, distance from campus, and mobility concerns. The base parking fee is \$1,800 for the year. The zoning agreement requires charging \$2,400 for students living within a mile of school or red line metro and \$600 less per additional student in the car. More information is available in the Parent Student Handbook and on the transportation mini site.





## WALKING

Families who live within 1 mile off school are encouraged to walk to school each morning. Walking is good for the environment, good for health, and helps to build a strong community. GDS will also assist in the formation of walking buses, or groups of students and parents who walk together to school each day. If you would like to volunteer to lead a children's walking bus to school each morning, we would be happy to connect you with other parents in your neighborhood; simply email **ImproveMyCommute@gds.org**.



## PUBLIC TRANSIT

Did you know that GDS is only 0.7 miles from the Friendship Heights Metro and only 0.5 miles from the Tenleytown Metro, both on the Red Line? Our proximity to the Metro makes it a breeze getting to campus!



## DIRECT BUS LINES

The following buses have stops on Wisconsin Ave at Chesapeake and/or Fessenden Streets, just one block from campus – as well as the Tenleytown and Friendship Heights metro stations:

- WMATA buses 30, 31, 33, 37, N2

The following buses have stops at the Tenleytown Metro:

- WMATA buses 96, H2, H3, H4, M4

The following buses have stops at the Friendship Heights Metro:

- WMATA buses E4, E6, L8, N4, N6, T2
- Friendship Heights Shuttle – more info at **[www.friendshipheightsmd.gov/shuttle.htm](http://www.friendshipheightsmd.gov/shuttle.htm)**
- › Ride On buses 1, 11, 23, 29, 34
- Learn more at **WMATA.com** and **Rideon.app**.

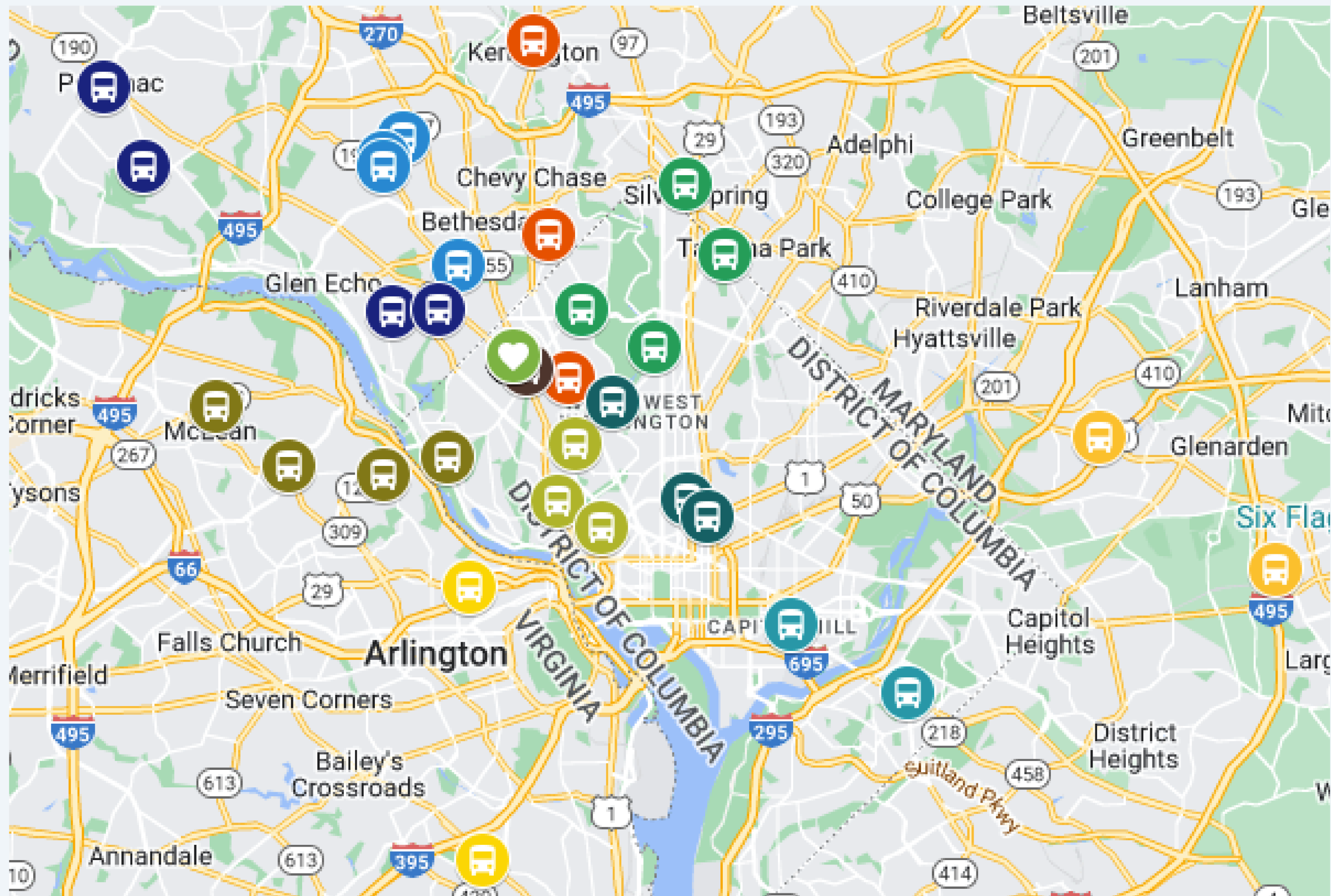


## FREE AND REDUCED FARE

Students living within the District are eligible for WMATA's Kids Ride Free (KRF) cards, which allow students to ride for free on Metrobus, the DC Circulator, and Metrorail within the District to get to school and school-related activities. Cards will be distributed to all DC residents at the start of the school year.

GDS provides subsidized SmarTrip cards to students residing in Maryland and Virginia. To request your subsidized SmarTrip card, complete an application at [gdscommutes.campbrainregistration.com](http://gdscommutes.campbrainregistration.com) Subsidized SmarTrip cards have a value of up to \$100 per month and cost families \$35 per month unless the family receives financial aid, in which case the card is provided free of charge.









# GDS SHUTTLE BUSES

For the 2022-23 school year, GDS will offer 10 shuttle bus routes with a total of 31 bus stops. Each shuttle route will offer one morning pick-up and one afternoon drop-off. There is space for a maximum of 44 students per bus.

Save your child's spot on the bus at [gdscommutes.campbrainregistration.com](https://gdscommutes.campbrainregistration.com)

## Please note:

Pick-up and drop-off times and locations are subject to change based on ridership, traffic, and road conditions. Check out the MyGDS Hopper Transportation Program resource board for the most up to date information.

## Fees

For the 2022-23 school year, we have some modest fees for the buses to offset the cost of the program. Financial aid is applicable to all fees at the same rate as applied to tuition. Fees are as follows:

**\$2**

per day for  
morning  
routes

**\$6**

per day for  
afternoon  
routes

**\$10**

per day for  
registered  
drop-ins

**\$15**

per day for  
unregistered  
drop-ins





ROUTE	STOP #	LOCATION	ADDRESS	PICK-UP	DROP-OFF
Alexandria & Arlington	1	Bradlee Shopping Center	3690 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302	7:10 AM	4:35 PM
	2	Giant at Spout Run & Langston Blvd	3115 Langston Boulevard, Arlington, VA 2220	7:25 AM	4:10 PM
Bethesda Route	1	YMCA Ayr lawn	5650 Oakmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20817 (stop is on the south end of the driveway along Hampstead Ave. Park in YMCA parking lot)	7:25 AM	4:07 PM
	2	Ewing Dr & Folkstone Rd	Crosswalk at 8724 Ewing Dr, Bethesda, MD 20817	7:32 AM	4:02 PM
	3	Ewing Dr & McKinley St	Traffic Circle at 8700 Ewing Dr, Bethesda, MD 20817	7:33 AM	4:00 PM
	4	Bethesda Pool	6300 Hillandale Rd, Bethesda, MD 20815	7:45 AM	3:50 PM
Connecticut Avenue	1	Kensington Shopping Center	10506 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD 20895	7:15 AM	4:37 PM
	2	La Ferme Restaurant	7101 Brookville Rd, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (AM Stop is in the parking lot, PM stop will be at the stop sign)	7:35 AM	4:15 PM
	3	UDC Tennis Courts	3415 Yuma St, NW, Washington, DC 20008	7:50 AM	4:00 PM
Georgetown	1	35th St & Wisconsin Ave NW	35th St between Wisconsin Ave and Whitehaven Pkwy NW	7:18 AM	4:10 PM
	2	Dumbarton House	2715 Q St NW, Washington, DC 20007	7:25 AM	4:00 PM
	3	32nd & Woodley Rd	3200 Woodley Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008	7:35 AM	3:50 PM
McLean	1	McLean Lidl @ 123 & Chain Br Rd	1330 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101 (outside of construction area)	7:10 AM	4:25 PM
	2	Linway Terrace Park	6246 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101	7:22 AM	4:17 PM
	3	Fort Ethan Allen Park	3829 N Stafford St, Arlington, VA 22207	7:30 AM	4:10 PM
	4	Wells Fargo @ MacArthur Blvd & Arizona	5201 MacArthur Blvd NW, Washington, DC 20016	7:40 AM	4:00 PM



Arrival and dismissal times are subject to change depending on ridership. Buses generally arrive within 15 minutes of the first division's start time and within 15 minutes after the last division's end time.

While we try to accommodate as much of the community as possible, not all locations are suitable for a shuttle stop.

QUESTIONS OR  
COMMENTS?

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ROUTE	STOP #	LOCATION	ADDRESS	PICK-UP	DROP-OFF
Potomac	1	Potomac Village Shopping Center	In front of the Safeway in the Potomac Village Shopping Center, 10104 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854	7:05 AM	4:32 PM
	2	Avenel Local Park	10051 Oaklyn Dr, Potomac, MD 20854	7:15 AM	4:22 PM
	3	Sangamore & Walhonding (Behind Glen Echo Fire Dept)	AM: 5914 Walhonding Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816 PM: Intersection of Massachusetts Ave and Onondaga Rd	7:35 AM	4:05 PM
	4	Bowlero	5353 Westbard Ave, Bethesda, MD 20816 (Pick-up and Drop-off at Bowling Alley)	7:45 AM	3:57 PM
Prince George's County	1	Largo Town Center Metro Kiss and Ride Lot	9000 Lottsford Ct, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774	6:45 AM	4:50 PM
	2	Aldi @ 202 & 50	6524 Landover Rd, Cheverly, MD 20785	7:00 AM	4:35 PM
Silver Spring & Takoma	1	Silver Spring Metro @ Park & Ride	1113 Bonifant St, Silver Spring, MD 20910	7:00 AM	4:30 PM
	2	Takoma Metro @ Park & Ride	7024 Eastern Ave NW, Washington, DC 20012	7:15 AM	4:20 PM
	3	Rock Creek Park Tennis Center at Carter Barron	4850 Colorado Ave NW, Washington, DC 20011	7:30 AM	4:00 PM
	4	Near 30th St & Legation	AM: 3001 Legation St Northwest, Washington, DC PM: Afternoon stop is here.	7:40 AM	3:50 PM
Southeast DC	1	Penn Branch Shopping Center	Back parking lot by Planet Fitness, 3200 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20020	7:00 AM	4:50 PM
	2	Eastern Market	225 7th St SE, Washington, DC 20003	7:15 AM	4:30 PM
Shaw & U-Street	1	Shaw Metro at R St between 7th and 8th St	1701 8th St, NW, Washington, DC 20001	7:25 AM	4:15 PM
	2	Ben's Chili Bowl	1213 U St NW, Washington, DC 20009	7:30 AM	4:10 PM
	3	Pierce Mill	2401 Tilden St, NW, Washington, DC 20008  The afternoon drop-off address is 3901-3999 Shoemaker St NW, Washington, DC 20008	7:45 AM	3:55 PM