

## MIS Bus Transportation Q & A

### 1. Where do MIS school buses pick up and drop off students?

Currently MIS buses stop at the following locations:

Chiba: Chiba-Chuo, JR Chiba, Nishi-Chiba,

Inage / Baytown: Inage / Mihama Utase Elementary, Utase Elementary

Tsudanuma: JR Tsudanuma, Keisei Tsudanuma, Makuharihongo

Funabashi: Motoyawata, Nishi-Funabashi, Funabashi North,

Urayasu: Myoden, Minami-Gyotoku, Urayasu

Shin Urayasu: Mihama Higashi Danchi, Umikaze no Machi

\*Bus routes may be added or eliminated due to demand.

Please contact the school office for information on the locations of these bus stops.

### 2. What are the fees for using the school bus and how do I register my child for school bus transportation?

Bus fees vary depending on where your child gets on and off the bus. You can apply for school bus transportation by completing the 'School Bus Application Form'. Please find the latest fees and the application form on the 'Transportation' page of the MIS website.

### 3. Can my child always use the school bus service if I register him/her for it?

Not necessarily. If there is no space available, your child will be waitlisted.

### 4. Can my child only use the one-way school bus service?

Yes, your child can only use the one-way service. However, the bus fees remain the same for both one-way and round trips.

### 5. Can my child use a different bus route on the way to and from school?

No, he / she cannot. He / She needs to use the same bus route for both trips.

### 6. Are the bus seats already assigned?

Yes, they are. A new bus rider will be assigned to a currently available seat.

### 7. Do Kindergarten and Elementary school students ride together on the same bus?

Yes, Kindergarten and Elementary school students ride together. After School Care services are available for K1 bus riders until the departure of the school bus.

### 8. Is there supervision on the bus?

Yes, students are under the supervision of a bus assistant while on the bus. Bus assistants monitor the safety and behaviour of students, and hand them over to the designated person(s) upon arrival at the bus stop.

**9. How does a bus assistant verify that the person to pick up my child at a bus stop is a registered person?**

Bus Assistants have a register of the designated pick-up person(s), and check the identity of the person picking up the child by checking a parent tag or name tag of designated day care facilities.

**10. What should I do if I need to change the person who will pick up my child?**

Please contact the school office by phone before 12:30 pm that day, as we need to update the information on the registered passenger's list.

**11. What happens if the designated pick-up person is not at a bus stop when the bus arrives?**

To ensure the student's safety, the bus assistant will call the parent to find out the situation. If the person to pick up the student cannot arrive within 2 minutes, he/she will be handed over to the previously registered pick-up person at a stop later on the route or back at the school.

**12. What happens if the bus arrives before or after the scheduled arrival time?**

Should the bus arrive significantly early or late, the parent(s) will be notified by phone by a bus assistant or the school office.

**13. What happens if my child wants to go home alone at a bus stop?**

A child who goes home alone needs to submit a Going Home Alone Form in advance.

Kindergarten students are not allowed to go home alone.

This can be downloaded from the MIS website.

**14. Can children have a snack on the bus in the afternoon?**

No snacks are currently allowed on the bus due to prevention of COVID-19 infection.