

2011-2012 Westwood Middle School Activity Bus Fees and Registration

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child may be interested in participating in one or more of our co-curricular after school activities. We strongly encourage participation in after school activities whether it is with one of our clubs, targeted services, academic support, performing groups, or athletic teams. Participation in after school activities is a great way to provide additional opportunities for your student to develop mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially.

Safe and reliable transportation home from an after school activity is as important to you as it is to our staff. An activity bus is available for students who qualify for Spring Lake Park School District transportation. Students must purchase either a trimester or year-long pass. The fee for the activity bus is separate from any athletic or activity participation fee.

Students who qualify under federal guidelines for the free or reduced school meal program qualify for the discount printed below. Parents must furnish the appropriate documentation to be eligible for a reduced or free activity bus – if you have completed the required paperwork from the federally-funded Free or Reduced Meal Program, this meets the documentation requirement. A copy of your pre-approved verification letter from the District 16 Food Service Department or the Release Form to Waive Participation Fees from the WMS office must accompany your application.

The fee for activity buses for the school year is:

FULL YEAR PASS

Standard Fee	\$50.00
Reduced Fee	\$25.00
Free Fee	\$ 0.00

TRIMESTER PASS

Standard Fee	\$20.00
Reduced Fee	\$10.00
Free Fee	\$ 0.00

The Activity Buses Leave Westwood Middle School at 5:00 pm Monday - Friday

Once your child has purchased an activity bus pass, please remind your child that she/he **must sign up daily** to ride the bus. The daily sign up takes place in the counseling office no later than 1:00 pm, indicating her/his intent to ride the activity bus that afternoon. Activity buses are ordered based upon the number of students signed up daily. Students who fail to sign up by 1:00 pm may not be allowed to ride the activity bus home. We fully understand the difficulty this may cause you, should your student become forgetful and fail to sign up, but in order to remain cost-effective and keep the activity bus in service, we must remain very firm with this policy. Please be aware that, as in past years, the buses will be making a limited number of stops. Your student may need to walk a number of blocks from where he/she is dropped off.

Thank you for your continued support of our valuable co-curricular activities and the benefits your child gains from participation.

Please return form with payment to the Westwood Middle School office

Student's Name _____ PRIDE Teacher _____ Grade: 6 7 8 (circle)

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Bus Stop Location _____

To qualify for a free or reduced bus pass, the District Food Service Dept. meal program pre-approved verification letter or the Release Form to Waive Participation Fees must accompany this form.

Payment:	<u>FULL YEAR PASS</u>	<u>TRIMESTER PASS</u>
Standard Fee:	_____ \$50.00	_____ \$20.00
Reduced Fee:	_____ \$25.00	_____ \$10.00
Free Fee:	_____ \$ 0.00	_____ \$ 0.00

Payment Type: ___ Cash ___ Check Check # _____ Make checks payable to "Westwood Middle School"

****Parent signature (required)***

*By signing this form I understand that my student is responsible for appropriate conduct and procedural expectations after school, as well as while riding the activity bus. I understand that if my student does not meet the behavioral and/or procedural expectations, he/she may forfeit their activity bus privileges without refund.