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2018-2019 Transportation Options

Custom Metro Buses

University Prep will continue to partner with Lakeside and Evergreen Schools for **Custom Metro Bus** service for the 2018-2019 school year. The Custom Metro buses run on special routes using custom stops. Without these other schools, we would be unable to offer this service at a reasonable cost to families. The cost of bus service is covered by the riders, so custom bus Orca cards must be purchased from UPrep. Students have the option of a full-year contract or a half-year contract. There are no part-time options. Please note that bus contracts and Orca cards are **non-transferable and non-refundable**.

Afternoon transfer at Lakeside – The afternoon departure times from UPrep are at 3:05 and 3:08 p.m. Please be at the Metro bus stop on 25th Ave NE at least five minutes before the scheduled departure time. The stop is just south of NE 80th St and is where students are dropped off in the morning. Please wait 3 feet from the curb, not at the edge. Remember that all UPrep bus students board two buses at UPrep in the afternoon – the #986 and the #982. When they arrive at Lakeside, the students who do not ride the #986 or #982 home will transfer to their second bus. Two security guards and other adults are available at Lakeside in the afternoon to help any of our students who are changing buses there. Students just need to know their bus route number. Lakeside security guards are also able to contact UPrep if there is a bus issue.

Early dismissals – Custom bus schedules do not change with the school schedules. If UPrep and/or Lakeside has school, the custom buses run.

Signing up – Families wishing to use the Custom Metro Bus service must complete the Bus Service Agreement form and submit it to the UPrep Business Office as soon as possible after you have received the electronic form in early June. In the case of full buses, preference will be given to students who registered earliest. Final bus schedules will be posted on the UPrep website in August and are available by bus number on the <http://metro.kingcounty.gov> website.

Orca cards for custom buses – Returning students who sign up for an annual pass for the following school year get to keep their current Orca pass and continue using it through summer break. For those new to bus service, Orca cards will be available for pickup in the Business Office one week before school starts. Cards will not be released without a signed copy of the Bus Service Agreement. Payment may be submitted with the Bus Service Agreement, or the fee will be billed in September. If a student loses their Orca card, UPrep will issue a replacement card for a fee of \$50.

Other uses for student Orca cards – Any Orca card purchased from UPrep is considered a two-zone card and is good for Custom Metro routes and for regular King County Metro, Community Transit and Sound Transit transportation. We encourage you to visit their websites to discover more ways students can use their Orca cards.

Regular Metro Buses

Please check the Trip Planner on the King County Metro, Community Transit and Sound Transit websites to see if there might be a good public transportation option for your student. For example, we have a good connection to the #372 going north to Lake City, Lake Forest Park, Woodinville and all cities in between. The #41 connects from the #372 in Lake City to Northgate, downtown and the International District. The #41 also has links to the MLT transit station and Aurora Village on the #348 and #373, respectively. The southbound #372 links us to the University District Light Rail station and beyond. The #62 connects us with Wallingford and downtown Seattle.

Carpooling

UPrep has created a partnership with a Seattle company called [Pogo Rides](#). Their mobile app helps you discover UPrep families that live near you and connect to carpool. Many of you have requested this information in the hopes of meeting new families before the fall. Via Pogo Rides, you'll be able to join our UPrep community group, as well as the group for your child's grade level, and easily reach out to other Puma families.

It's free AND easy to join! Once you create an account (with just your name, zip code and photo), you can search for our "University Prep Community" group and request to join (using our code **16324**). You are then free to discover other UPrep families who are in your child's grade and/or live near you and connect to carpool.

Activity Bus

University Prep has a late-afternoon activity bus program! The goal is to assist families with transportation following after-school activities and reduce the need for a parent/guardian to come to campus in the late afternoon. This is a UPrep bus driven by a UPrep bus driver following the route below. We have a variety of drop-off locations southbound from campus to connect students to mass transit and neighborhood hubs. The bus leaves from the turnaround (Stagecraft garage door) each day at 5:30 p.m.

Route

U. of Washington Light Rail Station – 3720 Montlake Blvd NE, Seattle 98195
Montlake Boulevard Market – 2605 22nd Ave E, Seattle 98112
746 19th Ave E, Seattle 98112
Miller Community Center – 330 19th Ave E, Seattle 98112
Broadmoor – E. Madison Street and 36th Ave E, Seattle 98112
Garfield Community Center – 2323 E Cherry St, Seattle 98122
Douglass-Truth Library – 2300 E Yesler Way, Seattle 98122

Registration – Availability will be on a first come, first served basis and parents/guardians must sign the afternoon transportation waiver, which can be found in your Veracross account.

Note: if your student does not presently have a custom metro Orca card, please contact activitybus@universityprep.org for the small fee associated with the bus.

Other information

Veracross, our school information system, allows you to search for families near you. This may facilitate your transportation planning. Please consider carpooling, riding bikes, taking the bus or walking together to or from school.

Questions?

Custom Metro Bus Service – Linda Smith, lsmith@universityprep.org or 206.832.1100

Custom Metro Bus Billing/Forms – Christina Coleman, coleman@universityprep.org or 206.832.1145

Activity Bus – activitybus@universityprep.org