



The Academy at Smith
Biomedical Technology and Specialized Health Sciences

Dear Academy at Smith Parent:

Guilford County Schools has not been immune to the significant bus driver shortages that schools are facing across the nation or the rising number of COVID-19 cases in our community. As of this weekend, we do not have enough bus drivers to provide transportation for all students who have requested it. To manage this shortage, GCS transportation to our school is being suspended, except for students with significant disabilities who receive special transportation.

We are asking all other Academy at Smith parents to bring their children to and from school, starting on Monday, January 10. Students who do not have transportation may also use the public transit system for free by showing their Student ID badges (also called One Cards). GCS transportation will remain in service for elementary and middle school students, magnet students, and for students who do not live in areas served by the transit systems in the City of Greensboro or High Point.

We recognize that this change poses a hardship for many of our families, and we sincerely apologize. Please know that we are doing everything we can to keep our classrooms and schools open while also managing an emergency public health situation.

If your affected student plans to use public transit, it is easy to find your route online.

For Greensboro routes, use Google Maps, which has a direct connection to GTA. Download [Google Maps for Android](#) or [Google Maps for Apple](#).

For High Point routes, use [the HPT Moovit tool](#).

- [Click here](#) for more information about Greensboro routes and to plan your route.
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Again, we apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you and your family. Although this solution is not ideal, we are grateful to our partners in the City of Greensboro and the City of High Point for offering free transportation for students who cannot get to school another way. We look forward to resuming all school bus transportation services as quickly as possible and will keep you updated regarding our progress.

We appreciate your flexibility and assistance as we continue to manage this challenging situation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gradesa Lockhart Principal
The Academy at Smith