

Transportation. Describe how students will be transported to the school pursuant to 14 Del. C. § 508, including any provisions that the school will provide; how students who reside outside the district in which the school will be located will be transported to the school; and how students with special needs will be transported if specialized transportation is required by the student's IEP.

Vine's Preparatory School will request funds from the State to provide transportation for its students through contracted services with a highly reputable and insured company that specializes in student transportation. Compensation and funding will be administered under the guidelines of Del. Code 508. For students outside of the district runs and routes will be established to coincide with guidelines established in Del. Code 508. The term run refers to a path a bus follows from an initial pickup location to a final drop-off location for a set of students. The term route refers to a set of runs assigned to a particular unit. A route may consist of 2 runs (1 morning and 1 afternoon), 3 runs (1 morning and 2 afternoon), 4 runs (2 morning and 2 afternoon), etc. A route may serve multiple schools each day. Based on the enrollment reported each April to the DDOE, the Board will open the bus routes to a public bidding process. Bus routes will be established for those students who live within the district in which Vine's Preparatory School is located.

In the case of students not residing in the district where Vine's Preparatory School is located, parents will be responsible for transporting the child to and from a point on Vine's Preparatory School's regular bus route. In the event that student enrollment creates concentrations of students in specific areas outside of the district in which Vine's Preparatory is located, the bus routes may be extended to include hub stops as a convenience to families. However, parents who live outside of the district in which the school is located are still responsible for transporting their child to and from the hub stop.

Appropriate accommodations, as defined in the students' Individualized Education Plans (IEP), will be provided to meet the needs of all special needs students requiring transportation and will be included as a criterion in the open bidding process. Once the transportation contract is put in place with the busing company and as special transportation needs are identified, the school will work with the students' parents and the transportation services company to ensure compliance with specialized transportation needs.

In the event that runs/routes will have to be establish through VPS' transportation for students in or out of the district and or students with special needs the Charter school will assure the following:

The Charter School shall provide full-service student transportation. Full-Service is defined as including all vehicles, consumables, maintenance, insurance, staffing, supervision, and management necessary to operate school buses as well as running a staffed Dispatch operation have the staffing, resources, and expertise necessary to complete the service required as well as a plan to deliver high-quality, dependable transportation service.

Describe the plan for oversight of transportation operations (e.g., whether the school will provide its own transportation, contract out for transportation, request that a district provide transportation, or a combination thereof) and who on the school staff will provide this daily oversight.

The school leader will maintain responsibility for oversight of transportation operations. The school leader will ensure appropriate supervision of students before and after school, oversee bus routing and transportation operations, and will schedule and supervise bus safety drills. The school leader will also put into place a contingency plan to address transportation emergencies. This plan will be created in concert with the procedures put in place by the busing company. All bus drivers will be trained in the contingency plan and will have a list of contact names and phone numbers at the school, beginning with the school leader and down the chain of command that has been established by the school leader. Once informed of the emergency, in most cases, the school leader will go to the site to coordinate support with other emergency responders and ensure the safety of the students. In the event of a catastrophic incident, additional staff members from Vine's Prep may be called into service at either the school or at the emergency site to assist in securing the safety of all students.