

ALGIERS FRANKLIN PARENTS, L.L.C.
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Attached is the ridership contract for Franklin and Lusher Charter Schools for the 2010-11 school year. Please note the following.

The Board for AFP has changed. Mary Ann Bass is taking over for Sue Tart and Maria Montoya is taking Mary Jane Holman's position as treasurer. We thank both Mary Jane and Sue for their service.

The deadline to return the contract is **15 July 2010**, although we cannot guarantee space on this date. Only in the event that several contracts are received with the same postmark without sufficient spaces available, preference will be given to existing members. **Seats are not held for returning riders. If we do not have at least 10 riders for each of the vans, that service will be discontinued.**

The contract price remains \$600 per seat for both schools. All fees must be paid in full and sent with the contract to reserve a seat. **If you need alternative payment arrangements, we must approve all such arrangements; partial payments will be rejected unless arranged beforehand.** Please contact either Mary Ann Bass or Maria Montoya through the applicable yahoo group. Note that you are responsible for making timely payments as agreed; the final payment is due no later than 6 August 2010. There is also a one-time membership fee that applies **only** if no one in the family has ridden any of our buses in the past.

We have a sibling discount of \$25 for each additional rider. Please note the discount on your contracts and mail them in the same envelope so we can appropriately credit your account. This applies even if your children attend different schools.

You must join our email groups on www.Yahogroups.com -Lusher Parents and/or CWAS Transportation (for Franklin families). We use the groups as our only means of mass communication. As contracts are received and processed, the names of riders will be posted on the website; this will occur about every two weeks. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt; please do not call us.

Please be sure to write in the **school** your child will be attending. Both schools now have grades 9-12. We cannot know what bus to place the rider on without this information and **you risk losing your seat if we do not have this information and the bus fills up. Remember, we also service Lusher Elementary.**

We hope to have the same bus and van for each school, however, the final decision always depends on our numbers. If you know of families whose children are entering Lusher or Franklin this year, please be sure they know of our service.

If you have any questions concerning the contract, please post them on one or both of the Yahoo Groups for a reply. Chances are that someone else will have the same question and this will save time and energy on our part.

ALGIERS FRANKLIN PARENTS, L.L.C.
WESTBANK RIDERSHIP CONTRACT 2010-11

This contract for bus transportation to **FRANKLIN** and **LUSHER CHARTER SCHOOLS** must be completed and submitted to the **ALGIERS FRANKLIN PARENTS, L.L.C.** hereinafter referred to as "AFP," together with the required Service Fee and Membership Fee (for new riders) before your student(s) is accepted to ride AFP's contract buses. Both the student and the parent(s) or guardian(s) must agree to abide by the rules of AFP as outlined herein. The terms and conditions contained within the Membership Agreement and the Ridership Rules were presented to, voted upon, and adopted by AFP.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

A. Membership Fee -A one-time non-refundable membership fee of \$30.00 **per family** is payable upon joining and before receiving service. This fee is also payable upon reacceptance after service has been discontinued as a result of disciplinary action or failure to timely pay a service fee.

B. Annual Service Fee -The Annual Service Fee is as follows:

Total: \$600 + \$30 membership fee, if applicable, due w/ signed contract.

Fees may be increased during the year to arrange for higher insurance coverage or other unforeseen costs, such an increase in fuel prices.

If a band or orchestra instrument is large enough to take a seat, full fare of \$600 must be paid.

The completed and signed Ridership Rules and Contract Form **must** accompany the payment of fees and **be received by 15 July 2010** at PO Box 6716, New Orleans, LA. 70174

Make checks payable to: **ALGIERS FRANKLIN PARENTS, L.L.C.** Do not send postdated checks. Do not hand deliver contracts to AFP Members. **THE POSTMARK DATE ON THE ENVELOPE ESTABLISHES THE ORDER OF ACCEPTANCE.**

C. Refunds - AFP may, at its sole option, cancel or modify this contract based upon unforeseeable circumstances outside of its control, including a natural disaster. If such action is necessary, AFP will refund payments for the unfulfilled portion of the contract, less a service fee to compensate the transportation company for a two-month penalty payment in the case of reduction or cancellation of service. Such refunds will take place within two to six months of the cancellation or modification of the contract.

D. Disciplinary Action- All problems and/or issues arising on the buses between riders are **first** to be reported to the appropriate bus driver. If the bus driver is unable to handle the problem and/or issue, the driver will advise an AFP Board Member, who will contact the families involved in order to resolve the problem and/or issue.

AFP may recommend refusal of service for the following conduct:

1. Smoking on the Bus (State Law)
2. Involvement in any kind of vandalism.

- Those involved will be required to pay for damages before being reinstated.
3. Throwing anything inside or out of the bus.
 4. Yelling in the bus or at anyone outside the bus, thereby creating a disturbance.
 5. Petting, passionate gestures, kissing, or use of any profane language.
 6. Any flagrant display of anti-social behavior.
 7. Switching from the assigned bus to another of the buses without the approval of AFP
 8. Any and all violations of the attached Ridership Rules.

AFP may issue a warning to the offender, choose to refuse service, or take other appropriate action, at its sole discretion. The notification of disciplinary action may be verbal or in writing and is to be executed by any member of AFP. Procedures for the appeal of disciplinary action are as follows:

1. The parents and the student must request a committee hearing meeting. However, the request for hearing shall NOT suspend the action taken.
2. Both parents or guardians and the student must be present at such a meeting.
3. The situation is to be reviewed by a minimum of two AFP Board members and two parent representatives.
4. The decision of the committee is final.

E. Scheduling of Service -Members will be notified approximately 10 days before the start of the school year of the pick up and drop off points and the pick up times. Minor time and route adjustments, needed to assure proper arrival at school, may be made thereafter. The bus schedules may be adjusted during the exam periods in order to accommodate the majority of students. All bus schedules are based on a minimum ridership of 38 students per bus.

F. Routes -Routes are set so as to maximize the safety and efficiency of this service for the membership as a whole. Door to door service is not provided. In some cases it may not be possible to provide service because of limited ridership in an area or its distance from the rest of the route. In any case, central pick up and drop off will be available on in the parking lot behind Walgreens Drug Store, unless other arrangements are made.

G. Waiver of Liability -The undersigned parents and students agree to hold harmless **AFP** and its members for any liability arising out of any actions or situations that may occur while the student is on the bus or on the way to or from the bus. The bus contractor will be required to carry the liability insurance for bodily injury, property damage, etc., normally required of such carriers.

H. Limited Service -AFP is a volunteer organization to provide West Bank bus service. On occasion, due to mechanical failures, illnesses of bus drivers, etc., the buses may not run. Please have a backup plan or carpool group formed to provide alternative transportation. Volunteer parents will notify other parents by phone of any problems that may arise as soon as AFP is able.

I. Persons Allowed on the Bus -The only persons permitted on the buses are the drivers, the riders, and AFP Board Members. Unauthorized persons on the bus risk contract revocation.

RIDERSHIP RULES

A. At Bus Stops

1. Be on time
2. Keep off private property
3. Enter bus one at a time
4. Do not push -stay in line-wait until bus comes to a complete stop
5. Fighting will not be tolerated

B. Aboard the Bus

1. Obey bus driver at all times.
2. Go to the seat assigned by driver, if so assigned.
3. Keep middle aisle clear.
4. Do not talk or sing too loudly; driver must hear sirens or horns of other drivers.
5. Do not change places once bus is in motion.
6. Do not play music on any kind of electronic device on the bus.
7. Do not touch handle of, or lean on, the emergency door.
8. Do not extend any body part outside of bus.
9. Nothing is to be thrown out bus windows.
10. Do not bring animals, weapons, or other articles that may injure others.
11. Do not bring items too large to be held on your lap.
12. No fighting or cursing.
13. Never leave the bus from the rear door, except in an emergency as instructed by the driver.
14. Do not destroy the driver's property or the property of another rider.
15. Do not vandalize the bus, including graffiti.
16. No food or drink permitted---**NO EXCEPTIONS.**
17. No alcoholic beverages allowed pursuant to State law.
18. No occasional riders permitted.
19. Help keep the bus clean; **NO LITTERING.**
20. No spraying of any substance on the bus.

C. Exiting the bus

1. Do not move from your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop
2. Leave bus one at a time
3. Do not PUSH
4. If you have to pass in front of the bus, be sure you are at least five feet in front of the front bumper. Be sure the way is clear before you cross the street.
Always cross the street in front of the bus.
5. Go immediately from the bus to your home or to your classroom

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES.

STUDENT _____

DATE _____

RIDERSHIP CONTRACT 2010-11

We, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of, **and** the student rider, have read the Membership Agreement and Ridership Rules, agree to the terms and conditions of same, and enter into this contract with **Algiers Franklin Parents, L.L.C. ("AFP")**, as is indicated by our signatures. We understand that prior conduct of the student rider may determine whether the rider is approved for service and we grant AFP permission to inquire about said prior conduct. We also agree to pay all fees as stated in the contract. **We understand and agree that fees may be increased for the purposes of providing higher insurance coverage and/or to compensate for higher fuel prices.**

Student _____ **School** _____ **Grade** _____

Home Address _____ **Zip Code** _____

Home Phone _____ **Email Address** _____

Mother _____ **work phone** _____ **cell phone** _____

Father _____ **work phone** _____ **cell phone** _____

New Membership Fee enclosed: \$30 \$ _____

Service Fee enclosed: \$600 (for first child) \$ _____

Sibling Discount (subtract \$25 for additional children) (\$ _____)

Total payable to Algiers Franklin Parents, L.L.C. \$ _____

Waiver of Liability -We, the undersigned parents(s) or guardian(s) of, and student, agree to hold harmless **AFP**, and/or its members for any liability arising out of any actions or situations which may occur while the student is on the bus or on the way to or from the bus.

We agree to join the lusherparents and/or cwastransportation at www.vahoogroups.com to receive information from AFP.

Parents' or Guardians' Signatures _____ **Date** _____

_____ **Date** _____

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____