

**Ann Arbor Public Schools Partners with the Ann Arbor
Transportation Authority
(TheRide) for High School Bus Service
Service for Starting Fall 2012**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What bus service will now be replaced by AATA-TheRide service?

- Huron route 84-Earhart/Glazier Way/Green Rd. area with AATA Route 22
- Pioneer route 88-Oak Valley/Waters Road area with AATA Route 16
- Skyline route 48-Miller Rd. between First and Maple with AATA Route 18

2. Who can ride these buses?

AAPS will supply students who live in the geographic area of this bus service with a bus pass. A list of eligible names of students will be available at high school registration and passes will be distributed to students at this time.

3. What is the bus schedule for TheRide service to the high schools?

HURON

A.M. Service to Huron

<u>Earhart/Glazier Way*</u>	<u>Green/Baxter</u>	<u>Huron</u>
6:24 a.m.	6:47 a.m.	7:01 a.m.
—	7:17 a.m.	7:31 a.m.

*AATA bus stop on northeast corner of Earhart and Glazier Way

- Service to Huron on the 6:42 a.m. trip also picks up at intermediate stops on Glazier Way, Green Rd., and Hubbard St.
- Service to Huron on the 7:17 a.m. trip also picks up at intermediate stops on Green Rd. and Hubbard St.
- Service is available from Green/Baxter to Huron every 30 minutes after 7:18 a.m.
- Service at other times to Huron from Earhart/Glazier Way requires a transfer at Green Rd. Park & Ride Lot.

P.M. Service from Huron

<u>Huron</u>	<u>Green/Baxter</u>	<u>Earhart/Glacier Way*</u>
2:55 p.m.	3:08 p.m.	3:13 p.m.

* AATA bus stop on northeast corner of Earhart and Glazier Way

- Service to Huron on this trip also drops off at intermediate bus stops on Hubbard St., Green Rd., and Glazier Way upon request.

PIONEER

A.M. Service to Pioneer

<u>Waters Rd. @ Target</u>	<u>Pioneer</u>
6:48 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
7:16 a.m.	7:33 a.m.

- Service to Pioneer on these trips also picks up at other bus stops on Oak Valley and Waters Roads.
- Service is available from Waters Rd. @ Target to Pioneer every 30 minutes all day.
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P.M. Service from Pioneer

<u>Pioneer</u>	<u>Waters Rd. @ Oak Valley</u>
3:40 p.m.	3:48 p.m.

- Service from Pioneer on this trip also drops off at bus stops on Oak Valley and Waters Roads.
- Service from Pioneer to Waters Rd.@ Target every 30 minutes all day.

SKYLINE

A.M. Service to Skyline

<u>Miller @ Books (AA Open)</u>	<u>Forsythe M.S.</u>	<u>Skyline</u>
7:13am	7:16am	7:23am

- Service to Skyline on these trips also picks up at bus stops along Miller Rd. between First and Maple.
- Service is available from Miller Rd. every 24-26 minutes from 6:55 – 9:11 and every 30 minutes after 9:11 a.m.

P.M. Service from Skyline

<u>Skyline</u>
2:38 p.m.
2:50 p.m.

4. How will the passes be distributed?

The passes, no charge to students, will be distributed at the high school registrations in August. Each student will be assigned a numbered bus pass.

5. How will AAPS be billed for the passes?

AAPS will be billed per ride at a cost of .50 cents per ride.

6. What if the student loses the pass?

Students will be issued another pass but there will be a fee charged for the replacement pass.

7. What is the cost of an AAPS bus route?

AAPS pays the WISD Transportation approximately \$15,000 per route per school year.

8. Will there be further collaborations between AAPS and TheRide?

Yes, there is a transportation work group that is currently meeting to determine more ways that this partnership can produce transportation options for students. The University of Michigan and the City of Ann Arbor are also part of this work group to develop not only bus but also pedestrian and other transportation options for students. The work group will present their findings by the end of 2012.

9. Are there some differences in how TheRide/AATA operates that students should know about?

Yes, TheRide is public transportation. These buses are not dedicated to only student riders. The general public uses this service.

- Buses will not wait for students.
- Students should be at the bus stop 10 minutes before boarding time.
- Students will need to pass their bus pass through the fare box swipe reader when they board the bus.
- It is recommended that students locate the TheRide bus stop before service will begin on August 27 so they are aware of the bus stop location.
- At Pioneer the bus will drop students off at TheRide bus stop off of Main Street on the Pioneer property.
- At Huron the bus will drop the student off at TheRide bus stop on Huron Parkway.
- At Skyline the bus will drop off at the bus stop at Skyline High School