

HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL FREE BUS SERVICE

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – as set down by the Ministry of Education

Buses are provided by the Ministry of Education for students who live more than **4.8km** from the school and are **not on a regular bus route**. Students who are not eligible (ie, do not meet this criteria) should choose the most suitable form of public transport and will need to pay for their fares (cheaper with a student ID card).

Please find below the pick up and drop off locations of each bus route. Please note that the bus will not stop to pick up or drop off students from streets that are not listed below.

1. Piha – Ritchies Bus (21)

Morning pick up locations – Departs 24 Seaview Rd (Piha Store) at 7.30am, then stops via Piha Rd, Scenic Dr, West Coast Rd and Forest Hill Rd. Drop off at Henderson High School.

Afternoon – Bus departs from HHS bus shelter straight after school. Please wait at the bus bay once released from class.

2. Henderson Valley/Opanuku – Ritchies Bus (19)

Morning pick up locations – Departs 3 Opanuku Rd at 7.30am, then stops via Henderson Valley Rd, Shaw Rd at 7.50am, Carter Rd, and West Coast Rd. Drop off at Henderson High School.

Afternoon – Bus departs from HHS bus shelter straight after school. Please wait at the bus bay once released from class.

3. West Coast/Parker – Richies Bus (20)

Morning pick up locations – Departs 270 Forest Hill Rd at 7.30am, then stops via West Coast Rd, Parker Rd at 7.40am, takes a U-turn at 183 Parker Rd, Parker Rd and West Coast Rd. Drop off at Henderson High School.

Afternoon – Bus departs from HHS bus shelter straight after school. Please wait at the bus bay once released from class.

Behaviour Agreement

All students who travel on the bus may continue to do so while they behave in a reasonable and safe manner, including the following:

1. Follow health and safety protocols at the relevant Covid Framework level.
2. Sit down straight away and remain in your seat for the whole journey.
3. If standing, always remain behind the driver. For safety reasons, stand quietly without moving around the bus.
4. Refrain from throwing items or eating/drinking on the bus.
5. Use polite and appropriate language when talking. Speak quietly so you do not distract the driver.
6. Respect the Bus Operator's property at all times by sitting properly on seats and not damaging surfaces.
7. Always speak respectfully to others on the bus.
8. Respect others' property and keep your belongings to yourself.
9. Listen to and follow all instructions from the bus driver and/or teacher on duty.
10. Behave in a safe manner at all times on the bus, and at the bus stop or depot.
11. No vaping/smoking or chewing gum.

Can a student's place on a bus be taken away?

YES. Where a student's behaviour is an ongoing or serious problem, the school and the bus operator may decide to withdraw the privilege of a place on a school bus. This could be a temporary measure, or in more serious cases, a permanent one. In such circumstances it is up to the caregiver to make their own arrangements to ensure they are meeting their legal obligation to get their child to school. Caregivers are not entitled to a conveyance allowance in this situation.

If you wish to apply for school bus transport please:

1. Read the bus routes and MOE eligibility criteria to confirm if your child meets eligibility criteria,
2. Complete the Application Form and return it to your school dean,
3. Ensure that your child/children understand the rules relating to required behaviour.

HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL FREE BUS SERVICE APPLICATION FORM

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These buses are available only for students who live more than 4.8km from the school, are inside Henderson High School zone and are not on a regular bus route.

If your child is eligible to travel on one of the free school buses, please complete this application form and return it to Henderson High School for processing. Please complete all questions as we are unable to process incomplete forms. A separate application form is required for each student.

Student’s name:
(First name) (Surname)

Student’s home address:
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Distance from home to: School bus stop.....km(*) Public bus stop.....km

Name of nearest High School.....

The bus I wish to catch is:

I will get on and off at:

Parent/Caregiver’s name:
(First name) (Surname)

Parent/Caregiver’s address:

I understand and agree to abide by the eligibility criteria. My student agrees to behave in a safe and acceptable manner and to meet the behaviour expectations of Henderson High School as outlined in the Behaviour Agreement.

Signed.....