

Important Bus Update for the 2023-2024 School Year

As you know, Crossroads Academy currently offers bus service for families to and from Norwich and Hanover. The service began in 2016 and, until the fall of 2020, had a high volume of regular, predictable ridership.

Ridership has decreased sharply over the past eighteen months. We often have days when there are no riders in either direction. We have heard from community members that parents found alternate transportation for their students when COVID numbers were high and vaccines were not available. Therefore, the need for the bus service is not what it was when we began it in 2016.

Maintaining the bus has become more expensive as has the cost of fuel. The costs of the service are such that we will be ending the bus service at the conclusion of this school year, **June 7, 2023**.

We understand that for a very small number of families, this may be a logistical hardship, and we are informing the community of this decision early so that community members can seek carpool and rideshare arrangements for the next school year. We will also be offering a Homework Club for Middle School students where they will have the opportunity to work on their homework Monday through Thursday in the Lora Robins Library in Bancroft. Pricing, timing, and sign-up information will be made available mid-summer.