

Annual Transportation Fees at ALCA – Parent Information Q and A

1. **Are charter school authorities impacted by the new School Transportation regulation? Why or why not?**

As per the *School Fees and Costs Regulation* and the *School Transportation Regulation*, charter schools **will not** be restricted in the fees they can charge.

However, charter school authorities will be required to submit their fee policies and schedules to the Minister of Education

2. **What is classified as a “school of choice” or “program of choice”?**

Schools or programs of choice are schools that are chosen because of a particular program being offered. Some examples include, language or cultural immersion programs, sports or club academies, faith-based schools (offered by a non-Catholic jurisdiction), art or science schools, traditional learning centres, international baccalaureate programs and alternative programs. **A charter school is a “school of choice”.**

3. **Does ALCA have a transportation waiver process available for parents?**

ALCA subsidized transportation fees by 75% for **ALL** parents when compared to other Charter Schools. While we charge a flat fee of \$200.00 per student, other Calgary Charter Schools charge between \$650.00 to \$800.00 annually per student. Even when these schools allow waivers for parents, their transportation fees are still higher than ALCA.

4. **Does ALCA have a transportation option process available for parents who may have financial difficulty?**

Yes. ALCA parents who may be experiencing financial difficulties can set up a monthly payment plan of \$20.00 per month per child over 10 months (September to June). ALCA considers this a very reasonable approach to a fee that is already subsidized. To arrange a ten (10) month payment plan, please contact:

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