



## TRUXTON ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Please indicate your local school district: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with New York State Law, I am formally requesting transportation for my child(ren) to Truxton Academy Charter School in Cortland County for the school year on all days that school is in session. **I understand that the school district may deny my request if the distance to Truxton Academy from my home exceeds fifteen miles, and if my request is received after April 1.** The law provides that a late request (after April 1st) will not be denied if a reasonable explanation in writing is provided for the delay. In addition to making this request directly, I hereby authorize Truxton Academy Charter School to act as my representative in requesting transportation in the event I need them to do so.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name	M/F	Date of Birth	Grade Entering

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell:

### ALTERNATE/EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name:
Phone Number:

**I hereby certify that I am a resident of the district selected above, and that it is my intention that the students listed herein will attend Truxton Academy Charter School for the upcoming school year.**

Signature of Parent:	Date:
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# Transportation for Students Enrolled in Nonpublic Schools or Public Charter Schools

Section 3635 of the Education Law requires all non-city districts to provide transportation for pupils enrolled in kindergarten through grades 8 who live more than two miles from the school they attend and for pupils enrolled in grades 9-12 who live more than three miles from the school they attend up to a distance of fifteen miles. The distances in each case are measured by the nearest available routes from home to school. In order to obtain transportation for their children, parents must file requests with the district in which they live by April 1 of the preceding school year or within 30 days of moving to the district. It is the responsibility of both public and nonpublic school administrators to make sure that parents are aware of these deadlines far enough in advance so that they can submit their requests on time.

There are two ways in which transportation can be provided for pupils who live beyond the mileage limits specified in the law. First, with voter approval, non city school districts may provide transportation beyond specified limits. A second way is through what is known as the pickup point law. This provision of the Education Law requires school districts which are currently transporting pupils to a nonpublic school to designate one or more public schools as centralized pickup points for nonpublic school pupils who live beyond the 15-mile limit. The parent must arrange to get the pupil to and from the pickup point; the district then transports the pupil between that point and the nonpublic school. In order for the pickup point arrangement to be operative, the school district must currently be providing transportation to that nonpublic school for at least one pupil who lives within the prescribed mileage limits.

In addition to the required "pickup point" transportation, a recent change in law also permits a board of education at its discretion to provide transportation for pupils residing more than fifteen miles from a nonpublic school under the following conditions:

- the distance between the centralized pickup points and the nonpublic school is not more than fifteen miles, and if such transportation had been provided from one or more centralized pickup points to the same nonpublic school in at least one of the immediately preceding three school years.

School districts may, if they so desire, offer late bus transportation to allow pupils to take advantage of after school activities and programs. If such transportation is provided, it must be made available equally to nonpublic and public school pupils. Any policies established by the board of education relating to late bus transportation must also apply equally to nonpublic and public school pupils. Parents should request late bus transportation as soon as the need is evident, but there is no statutory deadline for the submission of requests. Parents are urged to file requests at the earliest possible date. The administrator of the nonpublic school should discuss late bus needs with public school district personnel as plans are made each year.

Transportation of Students with Disabilities – Parents or guardians of students with disabilities may request transportation to nonpublic schools up to 50 miles each way from their home for their student to receive the appropriate special education services and/or programs. Education Law Section 4402(4)(d) requires the District to review all applications and provide suitable transportation up to a distance of 50 miles to and from the requested nonpublic school upon certain conditions. Suitable transportation up to a distance of 50 miles shall be provided if the student has been identified by the District's Committee on Special Education (CSE) as a student with disabilities and if the student is attending the nonpublic school for receiving services or programs similar to the special education programs recommended for such student by the CSE.