

## Registration for the 2019-2020 School Transportation System in Efrat

Dear Parents,

Student transportation is an important and integral part of the education system in our community. With the town's continuing growth and development, the transportation system is increasing as well.

In order for us to prepare the extensive transportation system for the upcoming school year in the best possible way, below you will find registration instructions for the transportation system for schools.

Please follow the registration instructions so that we can all enjoy smooth-running transportation in the coming school year.

Children must be re-registered for the transportation system every year. It is not possible to use a previous year's bus card.

**Registration for the transportation system will take place in the following period:**

**Monday, 28 Sivan 5779 (1 July 2019) through Sunday, 18 Tammuz 5779 (21 July 2019)**

Registration is conducted online through the Efrat Municipality website, <http://www.efrat.muni.il>, and is done in two phases:

1. **Registering each child on a separate form.**
2. **Payment for the children who are not eligible through a payment form.**

Before going to the online form, please verify:

**1. Eligibility** – You must clarify whether the student is eligible for the Ministry of Education's financial participation in transportation for him/her, through the ministry's computerized geographic information system, which calculates the shortest walking route from the address at which the student is registered with the Ministry of the Interior to his/her school: [apps.education.gov.il/gfi/GFI\\_MAP.aspx](https://apps.education.gov.il/gfi/GFI_MAP.aspx) (enter the tab titled "מסלולים")



For your convenience, a presentation explaining how to use a geographic information system can be found on the municipality website.



## Criteria for eligibility according to an Education Ministry director general's memorandum:

- \* Grade 1-4 students who live a walking distance of 2 km or more from their school.
- \* Grade 5-10 students who live a walking distance of 3 km or more from their school.

**2. Address** – Make sure that the residence address is Efrat and is updated on the identity cards of both parents. Eligibility for transportation is determined only according to that address. Families who have changed their address but have yet to receive an updated stub (“sefach”) should attach confirmation of change of address from the Interior Ministry.

An address may be updated at the Interior Ministry's Efrat office:

Monday: 16:00-18:00  
Tuesday: 09:00-11:00  
Friday: 09:00-11:00

## Signing in to the online form:

1. Complete the online form with all the necessary details and attach all the accompanying files:

- A. Photocopy of both parents' ID card stubs (with current address).
- B. Headshot photo of each child separately (JPEG file only).

2. When registration is complete, a copy of the registration form will be sent to the email address that you indicated on the form. Please make certain confirmation is received.

## With receipt of confirmation of registration to your email:

A. For a student eligible for Education Ministry participation – the process ends here. A bus card will be handed out to each student during the first days of school.

B. For a student not eligible for Education Ministry participation – an annual bus card may be purchased:

1. One-way (morning or afternoon)
2. Two-way (morning and afternoon)



## Student Bus Card Price List for 2019-2020

**Please note: The prices quoted are heavily subsidized by the municipality.**

School		Price per year for a two-way ticket for those registering during the registration period	Price per year for a two-way ticket for those registering <b>after</b> the registration period	Price per year for a one-way ticket for those registering during the registration period	Price per year for a one-way ticket for those registering <b>after</b> the registration period
<b>Orot Yehuda</b>		<b>662</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>457</b>
<b>Orot Etzion</b>	Lower grds. (1-3)	<b>662</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>457</b>
	Boys (4-8)	<b>662</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>457</b>
	Girls (4-8)	<b>662</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>457</b>
State Religious School (Tamar)		<b>662</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>457</b>
"Meshalev" School (Tamar)		<b>662</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>457</b>
Derech Avot (7,8,12)		<b>553</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>382</b>
Derech Avot (9-11)		<b>662</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>457</b>
Aseh Chayil		<b>553</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>382</b>
<p>* Students living in Tamar and Dagan who attend schools in other neighborhoods are currently eligible for free bus transportation – but must register.</p> <p>*Students living in the southern neighborhoods attending schools in Tamar will be eligible only pursuant to the Education Ministry's distance criterion.</p>					

The transportation system is organized on an annual basis, and therefore registration may not be canceled during the school year. Similarly, no refunds will be granted during the year to anyone switching from two-way to one-way transportation.

### Discounts:

Third child – a 25% discount will be given only when the other two siblings pay full price for two-way travel.

Fourth child and above – a 50% discount will be given, only when the other siblings pay full price for two-way travel.



**To obtain the discount according to the aforesaid criteria, you must complete an application form for a sibling discount that appears on the municipality's website. A reply to the application will be sent to you, to the email address appearing on the application form. A discount will be given after the full payment. If the discount is approved, a refund will be sent.**

### 3. Payment options:

- ✓ **Credit card** – Online payment on a separate form found on the municipality's website – forms/education/transportation/payment by credit card.
- ✓ **Standing order** – 4 payments: 30/9, 30/11, 30/1, 30/3 – you must complete a form for payment by standing order that appears on the municipality's website – forms/education/transportation/payment by standing order.
- ✓ **Checks** – 4 checks dated: 30/9, 30/10, 30/11, 30/12. **You must physically go to the Collection Department at the municipality offices to make payment.**
- ✓ **Cash** – **you must physically go to the Collections Department at the municipality offices to make payment.**

#### Reception hours at the Collection Department

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 08:00-13:00

Tuesday: 14:00-17:00

For telephone payment at the Collection Department – 02-9939327/4

#### **Please note:**

**A registration form from a student who is not eligible for transportation will not be dealt with until confirmation is received from the Collection Department that payment was made.**

**Each student for whom the registration payment was completed will receive a bus card during the first days of school.**

#### Late registration:

Registration after the registration period – from Monday, 19 Tammuz, 22 July 2019:

- Students who register late and are not eligible for transportation – will pay according to the price list appearing above.
- Students who register late and eligible for transportation without payment – will be included in bus transportation only after the holidays. All this is in order to ensure



that preparation is accomplished in a good way, and so that students who registered on time are not adversely affected.

- Registration during the school year – will be possible only on the basis of availability and the municipality has the right to charge for a full school year.
- ***Please note that families who intend moving to Efrat or within Efrat during the year will pay the full price for the transportation at the time of registration. With the move, in order to receive a pro-rated refund, complete a form which can be found on the Efrat website and app (Application Form for a Refund Due to Moving to the Northern Neighborhoods).***

### Renewing a lost card

The cost of issuing a replacement for a lost bus card during the year is NIS 50. After paying at the Collection Department, please bring confirmation of the payment and a passport photo to the Education Department, and we will issue you a new bus card.

### One-time travel ticket

If a student wants a single pass to take the afternoon bus, it is possible to purchase a bus card at the school secretary for a fee of NIS 10.

Bus stops and times will be published at the beginning of the school year on the municipality website and in the schools.

### Public inquiries hotline for transportation:

For your convenience, there is a public inquiries hotline in cooperation with the Efrat Municipality and the Gush Etzion Development Company. Please call the hotline with any problems encountered regarding the operation of the school bus system.

Sunday to Thursday: 06:30-18:00.

Tel.: 02-9937128

### Lost and found

If items are forgotten on the bus, you can contact the Gush Etzion Development Company Lost and Found Department at 02-9937134.

### Transportation safety

- Life is precious! The schools operate the Mishmarot ZAHAV (Safety Patrol), which helps our children safely reach school. Please be patient and follow their instructions.
- Behavior on the bus – as parents and educators, it is very important to make it clear to children that the driver must concentrate on driving and cannot deal with disciplinary problems, and therefore they must behave properly before boarding, while traveling and when getting off the bus.





### Inspections

The Efrat Municipality's Education and Security Departments conduct regular inspections in order to ensure the safety and efficiency of student transportation. Beginning with the second week of school there will be surprise inspections to ensure each student is carrying his/her bus card. A student found without a card will, unfortunately, not be permitted to board the bus. Please help us avoid any unpleasant situations!

### Questions and clarifications regarding registration for transportation

If you encounter a problem, you can contact us and we will do our best to respond to you quickly: [Rishumhasaot@gmail.com](mailto:Rishumhasaot@gmail.com), tel. 02-9939338.

May we all have a good and safe year!  
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