

2018-19 TRANSPORTATION



School District Routes:

Under Wisconsin state law, if a parent chooses a religious school, their public school district must transport the student(s) to the religious school free of charge (or pay a contract fee to parents) if the religious school is within the public school district or live miles from its district boundary. The family generally must live more than two miles away from the religious school to qualify for Transportation. To be placed on the rider list, parents should contact their district of residence:

School District of La Crosse
School District of Onalaska

Go Riteway 608-881-6370
Ready Bus 507-895-2349
Onalaska Transportation Director 783-5489
Transportation Department 526-4752
Transportation Department 786-4356

School District of Holmen
School District of West Salem

(does not provide bussing, but may pay a fee to parents to help reimburse costs. Please see chartered routes below for busing to Aquinas Middle School and High School)

Chartered Routes:

Aquinas Catholic Schools will continue its cooperative agreement with Luther High School to serve students who do not have access to public school transportation. This agreement gives students of our Catholic and Lutheran High Schools access to the chartered bus routes of both schools, greatly expanding our transportation network and making Catholic high school education more accessible to families in surrounding communities. Limited bus service is available to ACS elementary schools for families who do not have access to a Catholic school in a local parish. These bus routes are chartered through Go Riteway.

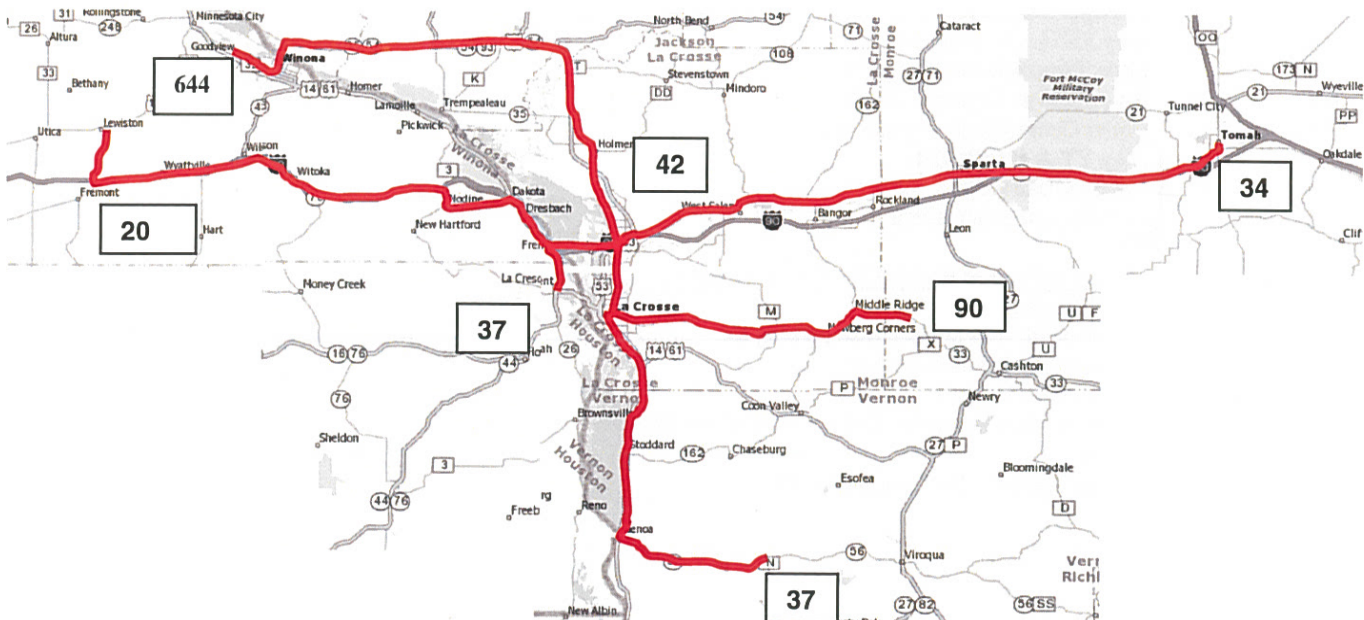
To add your name to the rider list for one of these chartered routes, please contact Go Riteway at 608-881-6370. Go Riteway will be able to answer any questions and give more details on pickup locations and schedules as the rider list is initialized.

School Calendars:

Chartered routes will operate on days when ACS and/or Luther High School are scheduled to be in session. If one school is scheduled to be closed and the other is scheduled to be in session, chartered routes will still run for students of the school that is in session. However, if no student from that school regularly rides a particular route, Go Riteway may choose to not offer that route on those days.

School district routes will continue to run on days that ACS is scheduled to hold classes, but the public school district is scheduled to be closed. Bus service for long holiday periods (i.e. Spring Break) may be adjusted based on ridership levels and interest.

AQUINAS/LUTHER CHARTERED ROUTES



Aquinas High School Bus Transportation 2018-19

In an effort to reduce bus transportation costs the Board of Control adopted the policy that the Aquinas High School buses follow the most direct and convenient routes with designated pick-up points. It is, therefore, often necessary for students to come a short distance to meet the bus. Any requests for a bus to deviate from the route may be made to the Board of Control. Please note that these routes are subject to change at the discretion of Aquinas High School.

Aquinas Route Bus # 9

Tomah, Sparta, Bangor, West Salem Route

AM	6:15	St. Paul Church - Tomah
	6:30	Hwy 16 and Co Hwy A
	6:45	Wal-Mart Parking Lot (Sparta)
	6:55	County J & County U (Pick up at The Vault in Rockland)
	7:00	St Paul's Church - Bangor
	7:10	Linda's Bakery – West Salem
	7:15	Kwik Trip – West Salem (pick up on Griswold Ave.)
	7:30	Luther High School

Aquinas Route Bus #10

Winona, Hwy 54, Galesville, Holmen, Onalaska

AM	6:02	Winona - Kwik Trip across from Fleet Farm
	6:07	Huff and Sarnia
	6:15	Goodview – Trinity Lutheran Church on 37 th Ave between 8 th & 9 th St
	6:25	Pick up at 5 th St and High – P.M. drop at St. Matthew's
	6:30	Spur Station by lights (WI side: corner of Hwy 35 and Hwy 54)
	6:35	Hwy 35/54 and P
	6:45	Little Tamarack Road
	6:51	Galesville pick up – on Service Rd by stop light
	7:08	County XX and Prairie Woods Rd. (Town of Holland)
	7:15	Festival Foods (old store) – Holmen (pick-up in parking lot under Festival sign)
	7:20	Festival Foods (new store) – Holmen (pick-up in parking lot under Festival sign)
	7:25	Riders Club Road & Franklin St - Onalaska
	7:35-40	Luther High

Aquinas Route Bus #20

Lewiston, Ridgeway, Nodine, and Dakota

(Drop off at First Lutheran Church – La Crescent, afternoon only)

6:13	St. John's Lutheran Church - Lewiston
6:25	Kwik Trip (Hwy 14) - Lewiston
6:35	Wyattville
6:45	Hwy 43 & 12 – Fire Station
6:50	Witoka
6:55	Ridgeway – Feed Store/ Bush Cemetery
7:00	Hwy 12 & 7
7:05	Nodine Store
7:15	Dakota Fire Station
7:30	Luther High School

Luther Route Bus # 37

Genoa, Stoddard & La Crescent Route

AM	6:00	Hwy 56 & O pick up (at Zion Church)
	6:18	Kwik Stop - Genoa
	6:33	Kwik Trip – St. Matthew's Church (Stoddard)
	7:15	Pick Up at First Lutheran Church in La Crescent in parking lot
	7:20	Pick Up at N. 4 th and Elm Street
	7:35-7:40	Luther High School

1. Daily student transportation for our routes is contracted with GORITEWAY. The cost is included in tuition.
2. Holmen, Onalaska and La Crosse School Districts transport our students who live in their districts. When La Crosse doesn't have school, our students who live on non-city routes must get to an in-city route or to school on their own.
3. West Salem School District contracts with parents to transport their own children.

Inclement Weather:

Because these bus routes serve a larger geographical attendance area for our schools, it is likely that winter weather conditions in one area may be worse than in others. Even if Aquinas Catholic Schools remain in session, there may be times that it is not deemed safe to run our outlying bus routes. In those events, media will be asked to list ACS as open, but with “snow routes” or “busses on main roads only”. **A school status of “snow routes” or “busses on main roads only” means that chartered routes to surrounding communities will not operate that day.**

Parents should examine road conditions and determine if and when it is safe to consider alternative transportation. Absences or tardies due to a cancellation or delay of charter routes will be considered excused absences.

Public school bus routes for residents of the School Districts of La Crosse, Onalaska, and Holmen will continue to operate if ACS and the public school districts remain open.

In the unlikely event that severe weather forces chartered afternoon bus routes to begin early, students will be excused from classes in order to ride the bus. The school will contact parents, or the emergency contact provided by parents, to notify them if afternoon buses are running early.

Bus Stops & Times:

Pickup and drop off locations are subject to change to ensure safe and efficient operation of buses. Please contact First Student or your local school district prior to the start of school to make sure your child is on the pickup list.

Pick up and drop off times are approximate and will vary based on the number of riders, traffic, road conditions, etc. For the first few weeks, please plan to arrive at your stop at least ten minutes ahead of the listed time. Once the schedule pattern is established, please schedule to arrive at least five minutes early. Buses cannot wait for students. Parents are responsible for ensuring proper supervision for their children at pick up and drop off locations.

Cost:

The cost of chartered routes is included in the tuition for students enrolled in Luther High School or Aquinas Catholic Schools. There is currently no additional fee.

Chartered Route Sign Up:

To add your name to the rider list for one of these chartered routes, please contact Go Riteway and they will be able to answer any questions and give more details on pickup locations and schedules as the rider list is finalized.

Additional Questions:

If you have additional questions that can be addressed by Aquinas Catholic Schools, please contact our admissions office at (608) 784-8585 or admissions@AquinasSchools.org.