

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

As you are making travel plans for your students, please keep in mind the following:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for making reservations and paying for all student travel, including rides to and from the airport/train station. Please see note below*
- Students' travel arrangements will be tracked by the School Coordinator via Google forms they will send ahead of each arrival/departure/school break.

Students may be dropped off and picked up, or they may travel by bus, train, airplane or private driver. Below are some details for each method of transit.

Pick-up/Drop-off via car: Just let us know who will be driving via the travel forms. If your student will be picked up by another parent, we require permission from both students' parents/guardians.

Bus: Peter Pan bus lines has a station at the former Williams Inn. This is within walking distance from campus, but we'll provide rides either way if needed, and always after dark. At present, the bus to/from Port Authority in NYC runs Thursday-Monday, and to/from Boston Thursday-Sunday as well. If an appropriate Peter Pan route isn't available, another option is the Greyhound bus line into Pittsfield, MA, which has buses traveling to/from both NYC and Boston daily.

Train: Albany, NY and Pittsfield, MA both have Amtrak stations with daily trains to/from NYC and Boston.

Airplane: If your student will be traveling via airplane, the most convenient airport is Albany International Airport in Albany, NY.

Visit a Friend: Buxton will NOT be open during the Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, or Summer vacations. If your student is unable to return home, we encourage them to visit the home of another student. Permission from both students' parents/guardians is required.

Booking transportation to and from the airport/train/bus station is the responsibility of parents/guardians. We will provide instructions for booking a ride, along with a list of drivers that includes faculty/staff members, private drivers we've worked with for years, and taxi services we've used in a pinch. We will also advise on possible carpools if/when the timing lines up, based on Google form submissions. Outside drivers and taxi companies set their own rates; you can expect a ride to/from Albany to cost \$100-\$150, but if a carpool is available, the cost will be split. Payment must be made directly to the driver at/before the time of service, please reach out to us ahead of time if this will be an issue.

Travel Dates for the 2024-2025 School Year

Arrival: Wed September 11th (seniors), Thurs September 12th (returning sophomores and juniors),
Saturday September 14th (all new students!)

Fall Home Weekend: Thurs October 24th, 8am – Sun October 27nd, by 10pm

Thanksgiving Vacation: Sun November 24th, 2pm (AFTER Fall Arts) – Sun December 1st, by 10pm

Winter Vacation: Sat December 21st, 8am – Sun January 12th, by 10pm

Winter Home Weekend: Wed February 19th, 4pm – Sun February 23rd, by 10pm

Spring Vacation: Sat March 15th, 8am – Sun April 6th, by 10pm

Summer Vacation: begins Sat June 14th around 2pm (AFTER Graduation)