Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the bus schedule for ASCEND students?

The final bus schedule is created based on student need and location. The bus makes community stops, and does NOT stop at individual homes. The bus route will not continue to make stops where there are no riders; therefore the bus can not become a back-up method of transportation. Pflugerville ISD transportation is open to all students that live within the designated location restrictions, therefore no bus is designated to one program. Bus schedules are not finalized until a few days prior to the start of school. Due to specialized routes across the district and unpredictable traffic issues, expect adjustments to routes and timing issues.

2. How can I request a sibling transfer for my child that is not participating in ASCEND?

Siblings are granted administrative transfers upon request. You must fill out the necessary paperwork for Pflugerville ISD transfers. Unlike ASCEND program transfers, sibling transfers do not rollover each year and therefore must be requested each year. The request will be granted as long as the family has a student participating in ASCEND. Per district policy, siblings will not be provided with transportation (this is true for all educational transfers in the district).

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3. Is there an ASCEND Summer Reading list?

No.

4. What is the grading policy?

ASCEND teachers follow the same grading policy as the district. However, due to the rigorous and compacted environment, students may have an adjustment period to the expectations.

5. Are all ASCEND courses accelerated?

No. Math is an accelerated curriculum in elementary and middle school. Science is compacted and accelerated in middle school only. ELA and social studies are not accelerated by course.

6. Are there ASCEND program expectations that hold students accountable differently than that of the campus?

No. ASCEND students follow the campus and classroom expectations that are based on district and state guidelines.

7. What type of communication can I expect?

ASCEND students are part of the designated campus. Remember to subscribe to Principal’s Newsmail and be active in the school’s community through PTA. Teachers will communicate to you based on the system they establish at the start of each school year. District communication will be for the purpose of collecting program information such as bus needs. Parents are expected to communicate questions about instruction to the teacher(s) of their student and work to resolve any problems through the campus administration.