

Youth Recommendations for Improving School Conditions

Safe & Reliable School Transportation

Make travel between the King Street and Minnie Howard campuses safer, faster, and less disruptive to learning. Students recommended reducing overcrowding and delays, providing enough transition time, and improving transportation so students do not routinely arrive late to class or lunch. One student team proposed exploring a protected pedestrian bridge over the intersection of Quaker Lane and West Braddock Road as a long-term alternative to relying entirely on buses. They recommended including safety measures, community input, careful planning, and dedicated funding in any future proposal.

Sources: Kidus Getachew, *School Bus Transportation*, 2026; Christian Jemison, Lucien Andrews, Lesly Pineda, and Chris Borrayo, *School Conditions*, 2026; and Calvin Brown, Ettian Lewis, and Celina Delcid Zelaya, *Intercampus Bus Transportation at ACHS*, 2025.

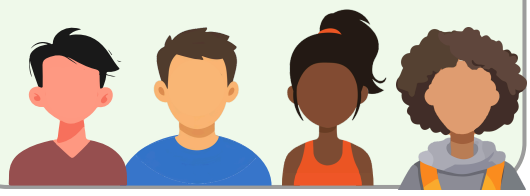
"Improving transportation would help students arrive safely, on time, and feel more comfortable during their ride."

~ Kidus Getachew, 2026



"Students are actively arriving late to class and lunch, missing instructional time, and facing constant overcrowding when riding buses."

~ Christian Jemison, Lucien Andrews, Lesly Pineda & Chris Borrayo, 2026



Coordinate ACHS and DASH transportation without compromising student safety or school-bus drivers' livelihoods. One student recommended revisiting the 2025 proposal for ACPS and DASH to coordinate transportation for ACHS students. The report proposed beginning with a carefully planned partnership and addressing the concerns that prevented the earlier proposal from moving forward, including student safety, responsibility for supervision, school-bus drivers' hours and benefits, and an overly rushed implementation timeline.

Source: Laila Blickhahn, *ACHS School Bus Transportation*, 2026.

"Students already use and trust the DASH system, and it's free for student riders, so the merging wouldn't be too disruptive."

~ Laila Blickhahn, 2026



Expand safe and reliable parking and access options at the Minnie Howard campus. One student recommended working with nearby businesses to reserve a limited number of parking spaces for ACHS students and staff. He proposed designated, monitored spaces available through paid, limited-hour permits so businesses could retain most customer parking while students and staff could reach school more reliably and avoid towing, conflicts with nearby residents, and first-period lateness.

Source: Atticus Pastewait, *Student Parking MH*, 2026.



"Parking is not equal between the two campuses in terms of availability."

~ Atticus Pastewait, 2026