

WALKERS AND RIDERS

Students will be entitled to transportation to and from school at the expense of the public schools when such transportation conforms to applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. Reimbursement to the school system for transportation costs is given by the Commonwealth only for (a) students living at least one and one half miles from school, (b) students who live more than one mile from the nearest bus stop, and (c) students with special needs for whom transportation must be provided.

Additionally, the Committee will provide transportation for students as follows:

Grades K – 4: Students living more than one mile or more from school.

Grades 5 – 8: Students living one and one-half miles or more from school.

Grades 9 – 12: Students living one and one-half miles or more from school.

The measured distance shall be the shortest, commonly traveled route measured from the nearest door of the assigned school to a point where the nearest walkway or driveway to the residence of the pupil abuts city property.

SCHOOL BUS STOPS

- Buses will not enter dead-end streets or cul-de-sacs unless a dangerous situation exists at the intersection or for bus efficiency (to turn).
- Students will be picked-up and dropped-off only at designated stops. Designated stops will be determined based upon location of students and safety in order to maximize timeliness of transportation service. The district is not able to provide a street-to-street or door-to-door pick up or drop off service. Additional stops increase journey times and gas consumption.
- The location of the bus stops may change from year to year according to service demand.
- Buses will not travel on private roads unless travel on such roads is needed for bus or route efficiency.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for getting their child to the correct bus stop safely and for ensuring their safety at the bus stop.
- When the safety of a stop is in question, the Business Manager and the Bus Company Safety Officer will visit the stop to make a determination on the safety of the stop. Parents wishing to appeal the decision can do so through the Superintendent who will consult with the Uxbridge Police Department.
- All Kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop by an adult. Students not met will be brought back to the after-school day care site.
- Any student eligible for bus transportation may be entitled to pick-up and drop-off at Day Care sites within Uxbridge under these conditions:

- written request by parent or guardian living in Uxbridge is received and approved by the Principal;
 - arrangements must be permanent, pre-arranged and identical each day;
 - bus capacity must be sufficient to allow for pick-up/drop-off at an already “designated” bus stop.
- Students may embark or disembark only at their regularly assigned bus stop. However, in case of emergency or extenuating circumstance, students may ride a bus other than their own with approval of the building Principal.

Exceptions to these guidelines may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent.

LEGAL REF: M.G.L. 40:5; 71:7A; 71:68; 71B:5

CROSS REF: EEA, Student Transportation Services