

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**

The School Committee has established that elementary school children who are not regular bus pupils will not be permitted to travel on school busses, nor will regular bus pupils be allowed to ride alternate busses or get off the bus anywhere other than their regular bus stops. Exceptions to this policy will be considered yearly, on an individual basis, for a single alternate stop on a long-term, consistent daily basis. Such requests must be presented, in writing, to the Principal. Sudden emergencies will be handled as they arise. All approved requests will be forwarded in writing to the Superintendent's office.

Pupils attending meetings or visiting friends, going to parties and the like, must find other means of arriving at their destination. If regular bus pupils wish to be excused from riding home on the bus, they must present a note requesting that permission.

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## **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

Students will be entitled to transportation to and from school at the expense of the public schools when such transportation conforms with 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:

- Kindergarten: All students, except those living in immediate proximity to the school, as determined by the Superintendent.
- Grades 1-4: Students living more than one mile from school.
- Grades 5-8: Students living more than one and one-half miles from school.
- Grades 9-12: Students living more than two miles from school.

Exceptions to these guidelines may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent. This will apply particularly to any student who must travel in a hazardous area to and from school. These students will be transported regardless of the mileage limits listed.

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Legal Refs.: M.G.L. 40:5; 71:7A; 71:68; 71B:5