



Maynard Public Schools
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WALKERS AND RIDERS

The Maynard School Department will provide transportation for Maynard students, who live in town, to and from their home and school. The School Committee may adopt a fee to transport students not meeting the mandatory transportation requirements specified by Mass General Law. The fee will not apply to students meeting the following criteria:

- Grades K-6 students living at least two miles from school,
- Students with special needs for whom transportation must be provided

All other students desiring transportation will be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis, as determined by the time and date stamp on the bus registration and the fee (if required) is paid, and until bus capacity is reached. Buses will travel only on town accepted and maintained roads.

The Superintendent and/or their designee shall develop bus routes with a consistent methodology for designating bus stops. The procedure will be kept as a written procedure (EEAA-P) for review by the School Committee and public. Exceptions to the written procedures may be made to accommodate special circumstances. The special circumstances will be documented and should be time-limited to the specific need. The Administration shall apply consistency in granting exceptions.

Students may be required to walk to a designated bus stop depending on road and traffic conditions. Students living near their school are encouraged to walk if conditions warrant. Kindergarten students, at drop-off, must be met by a parent/guardian/adult care-provider otherwise the student will remain on the bus and be transported back to the school at the end of the bus run. The parent/guardian will be then notified to pick up the student. Upon written parental request, students may be transported to and from a child care setting within the town on a regular basis.

Students are expected to follow established standards of behavior while waiting for and riding the bus. After an initial warning, riding privileges may be suspended by the school administration in which case the parent will be responsible for the student's transportation.

The law requires the Maynard Public Schools to make available transportation for certain students in Grades K-6 who live two (2) or more miles from school, yet it does

not relieve the parents or guardians of any student who is transported of the responsibility of supervision until such time as the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Once the student boards the bus, and only at that time, he or she becomes the responsibility of the Maynard Public Schools. Such responsibility shall end when the student disembarks at his or her regular bus stop at the end of the school day.

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.

SOURCE: MASC August 2016

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. [40:5](#); [71:7A](#); [71:68](#); [71B:5](#)

CROSS REF.: [EEA](#), Student Transportation Services; EEAA-P, Walkers and Riders

NOTE: The cross-reference is to a related policy in this manual. Depending on the content of a policy on walkers and riders, additional legal references may be necessary. Only the most important references were cited above. Review the legal citations at EEA for possible addition to any local policy adopted at this code.

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