

BUS INFORMATION

- Due to the new grade configurations at Shay Elementary School, Cashman Elementary School and Amesbury Middle School, we ask that you register as early as possible so that we may complete updated bus routes to reflect this change with accurate ridership numbers.
- Once bus routes are published in August, please choose the bus stop that is closest to you.
- No student will be issued a 23-24 bus pass if there is an outstanding balance from the previous school year.
- 2 mile distance eligibility (free) will be verified by Google Maps Walking Distance.
- All students may ride the bus without a pass for the month of September while passes are being distributed.
- Starting October 1st, ALL STUDENTS must have a current year bus pass to ride the bus.

BUS CONDUCT

EEAC-R1 - STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES: REGULATIONS

Any student using school provided transportation shall be subject to appropriate regulations. School principals are required to establish specific rules and regulations that apply to their individual schools based upon School Committee policy. While individual or unique incidents of disruptive behavior may occur, the regulations related to student behavior, applicable to all student riders, which are expressly stated by the School Committee, include, but are not limited to, the following:

Procedures for Drivers, Administrators, and Parents

1. In case of misconduct on a bus, the incident will be reported to the school principal on the proper form. The school principal will report the incident in writing to the parent/guardian concerned, with a copy to the Superintendent of Schools. Based on the reported incident, the principal may suspend the individual student's bus privileges.
2. In case of repetition by the same student, the principal may suspend the student's transportation privileges until a conference with the student's parent/guardian is held to discuss the individual student's behavior.
3. If a satisfactory solution to the student's behavior, which provides for the safety and welfare of other student bus riders, cannot be reached, the student's transportation privileges may be terminated. Parents may appeal a decision to the Superintendent of Schools. The responsibility for transporting the student to school will then rest with the parent/guardian.

Loading and Unloading at Bus Stop

1. Riders must be on time. Bus drivers will not wait.
2. Riders will enter or leave the bus at regular stops only.
3. Orderly behavior and respect for private property will be required.
4. Instructions and directions of the driver must be followed by the riders.

Required Conduct Aboard the Bus

1. Riders must remain in their seats when the bus is in motion.
2. Whistling and shouting are not permitted.
3. Profanity and obscene language are forbidden.
4. Smoking and eating are prohibited.
5. Prohibitive disturbances include but are not limited to the following
 - Pushing or wrestling;
 - Annoying other passengers or disturbing their possessions;
 - Disturbing the driver;
 - Throwing objects within the bus or out of windows;
 - Climbing over seats;
 - Opening or closing windows;
 - Leaning out of windows;
 - Littering the bus; and
 - Any other disorderly behavior.
6. Parents will be held responsible for any defacing or damaging of the bus.

Parents and students will receive a copy of these regulations at the beginning of each school year when a bus pass is issued to the student.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Amesbury Public Schools provides transportation to students as required by Massachusetts General Law. By Law, we are required to transport students who live 2 or more miles from their school in grades K through grade 6.

For students that live 1.9 miles or less in grades K through grade 6 or students who are in grades 7 through grade 12, transportation services are provided for a fee.

Fees will also be waived for families that qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. Applications will be sent to all families in the first day of school packets. If you believe you will qualify for this benefit please check the appropriate box for your student(s). If it is later determined that you do not qualify for free/reduced lunch, you will be asked to submit payment as listed below.

Transportation Fees for the 2023-2024 school year are:

Single Rider = \$150.00

Family Cap = \$300.00

- Payment may be made at the time of registration in full or may be split into two payments.
- Deposit of at least 50% is due at the time of registration (\$75 for one child or \$150 for two children)
- Balance is due on/before November 1st (\$75 for one child or \$150 for two children)
- IMPORTANT - NO INVOICES WILL BE SENT

HOW TO PAY:

1. Pay by credit card via this link: [UNIPAY](#) or visit the Amesbury Public Schools website
2. Pay by check - Payable to: *Amesbury Public Schools* | Attn: Joan Liporto | 5 Highland Street | Amesbury, MA 01913

By initialing below, you also agree to make payment as listed above if it is determined that your student does not qualify for free/reduced lunch or if your student does not meet distance eligibility.

Bus passes will be distributed to students in school during the month of September. Students will be allowed to board buses without a bus pass up until October 1st.

Please direct questions to:

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