

**NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FEE-BASED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

1. The Norwood Public Schools offers a fee-based transportation program. The bus fee offsets the cost of transportation. It does not cover the total cost of transportation.
2. Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, §68 only students in Grades K-6 who live more than two (2.0) miles walking distance from their neighborhood school are entitled to Town paid transportation. Town paid transportation is based solely on the student's home address and is only for transportation between the student's residence and the neighborhood school the student is entitled to attend. Special education transportation services are separate from regular bus transportation and are not affected.
3. Measurable distance to determine eligibility to ride the bus at no charge is measured between the student's residence by using the shortest route from the public way in front of a student's home to the nearest entrance way of the neighborhood school property the student is entitled to attend. With respect to Saint Catherine of Siena School, the measurable distance will be between the pupil's residence and the neighborhood school the pupil is entitled to attend.
4. Students in Kindergarten will ride free of charge.
5. Students who do not qualify for *Town paid* bus transportation may purchase a bus pass at a cost to be determined by the Norwood School Committee each fiscal year. There will be a cap for family members living in the same household.
6. For students other than those in Kindergarten or those in Grades 1-6 that live more than two (2.0) miles from school, ridership is **not guaranteed**. Bus routes will be established only if sufficient funding and ridership is available. This would minimize the chance that lightly filled bus routes will have to be run.
7. Beginning the first day of school, each bus student is required to carry the bus pass. Not doing so could result in exclusion from the bus. Lost passes will be replaced for a Ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) Dollar fee at each school.
8. An administrative fee will be assessed to any Town paid or Free/Reduced Lunch student. All applications that are submitted after the following deadlines will be assessed:

After June 30 th	\$25.00
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(Exception: 2011-2012 School Year the Deadline is July 20, 2011)
9. Students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch will automatically qualify for Town paid or a reduced fee bus service.
10. The bus routes will be published in the local newspapers and on the Norwood Public Schools Website. Children will be expected to walk to the nearest bus stop. The School Department reserves the right to change bus stops.
11. Students may only ride their assigned bus.
12. A student must have a bus pass to ride the late bus.

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