

Lexington Public Schools Transportation Registration 2019 - 2020



Early Registration April 1st - May 16th
Bus Fees for 2019-2020

SIGN UP EARLY – PAY LATER

\$330 for registrations received by May 16th

\$550 for registrations received between May 17th and July 1st

\$821 for registrations received July 2nd or later

Family Cap (3 or more students) \$825/**\$1375**/**\$2052.50**

Visit our website: <https://lps.lexingtonma.org/Page/659>

You will find information about our bus service including:

- The link to our **2019-2020 Online Bus Registration Form**
- **Student ID#** required to register, will be emailed before April 1st (also available in parent portal)
- The link to **eSchool** if you choose to pay online. **Payment is due by August 1st.**
- Answers to **Frequently Asked Questions** for new families and Kindergarten students.
- Information about our **FLEXPASS** Option for middle and high school students.

Quick Facts:

- Students in Grade K – 6 that live over 2 miles from their home school are eligible for town paid transportation.
- All students in grades 7 – 12 must pay for the bus, regardless of distance.
- Current families must sign up by the May 16th deadline to get the lowest fee.
- New families for the 2019-2020 school year will be charged the lowest fee of \$330.
- Family Cap pricing available for families paying for 3 or more children.
- FLEXPASS combination pass is available for students in Grades 6 – 12 (See www.lexpress.us for route information).

Contact Us: 781-861-2580 x68063

transportation@lexingtonma.org



School Bus Information



FAQ & Regulations (see reverse)

Do I need to escort my Kindergarten student to and from the bus stop?

Yes, parents should plan to meet the bus or arrange for a caretaker, sibling, friend, or older student to see them safely home. Parents should discuss which stop to get off with their children prior to the first day they will ride the bus. Parents are responsible for children's safety and behavior while at the bus stop.

What if I can't make it to the bus stop in time one day?

We also suggest parents give students instruction about what to do if no one is at the designated stop to meet them and develop a back-up plan. Establishing a buddy plan with an older sibling or schoolmate is advised. Kindergarten students will be returned to school if no adult or older sibling is at the stop to escort them home.

Can I pay a reduced fee and have my child ride the bus in the morning only?

We cannot reserve a seat for the morning only at a reduced fee.

What can I do to prepare my child for riding the school bus?

Prior to the start of school, parents and kindergartners should practice walking to and from the closest neighborhood stop established for your area. This is very important. Walking with your child will familiarize him/her with the area surrounding the bus stop and walk path to and from the bus stop.

May I ask the driver to change the location of my bus stop?

No, all questions related to scheduled bus stops must be directed to the Transportation Coordinator at 781-861-2580 x68063. We have an online Bus Stop Change Request Form on our website.

Can my child eat or drink his/her snack on the school bus?

The safety of students, particularly those who suffer from life threatening allergies, is a major concern. It is because of this that food (including any type of candy or gum) and drinks are strictly prohibited from consumption on the school bus. All food, drink, and candy must remain contained while on the school bus.

Who do I call if I am concerned about behavior on the bus?

Discipline concerns should be directed to the Transportation Coordinator, 781-861-2580 x68063 and the child's school Principal. The bus ride is an extension of the school day and children are expected to behave appropriately.

Will the driver be informed if my child has a medical condition or life threatening allergy?

Not automatically. Parents need to make sure that they inform the driver directly.

Who do I contact if I have lost an item on the school bus?

Please call C&W Transportation 781-862-4747.

At what point can I request a refund?

No refund will be issued unless the student un-enrolls prior to the start of the school year. Once you register for fee-based transportation, you have agreed to pay the full cost of the seat for a full year, regardless of how often you choose to use this service.

Can I purchase a bus pass later in the year?

Students may opt to purchase a pass later in the year, provided space is available on the bus, and in most cases, will be required to pay the full dollar amount.

Lexington Public Schools Bus Conduct Regulations

The Lexington Public School Committee considers the school bus an extension of the school itself, and rules regarding behavior are the same as in the school. School bus safety is a primary concern of the Lexington Public Schools and we reserve the right to take whatever action is necessary to maintain a high level of safety. The right of a pupil to school bus transportation is a qualified right, dependent of good behavior. In cases where a pupil seriously or continuously misbehaves, the principal or designee of the school will notify parents. The bus pass will be revoked if, in the opinion of the principal, such action is necessary for the general safety and well-being of students.

Please be aware that parents should also review the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan Policy adopted by the School Committee on December 14, 2010. A link to the policy can be found on the transportation page at: <https://lps.lexingtonma.org/Page/659>

STUDENTS WHO RIDE A SCHOOL BUS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE FOLLOWING:

At Your Bus Stop

- Arrive at your bus stop on time.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for children's safety and behavior getting to/from the bus stop, and while waiting for the bus.
- Pupils shall stand on the sidewalk or another designated place while waiting for the school bus. They shall respect other people's property, respect the right of other people to pass on the sidewalk, and display manners that indicate consideration and safety for others.
- Pupils shall never approach a school bus until it has completely stopped and the door is opened. In boarding the bus, they should proceed in an orderly manner, single file. Younger students should board and alight first from the bus. At no time are parents allowed to board the bus for any reason.
- In crossing the roadway after alighting from the bus, cross only in front of the bus when the blinking lights are on and the stop sign is extended. Pass at least 10 feet in front of the bus and look for traffic in both directions before crossing the roadway. Never run beside a bus, chase after a bus, or pick up anything that has fallen near the wheels of a bus.

On Your Bus

- All students are issued a bus pass that they must show each day upon entering the bus. A student who allows another student to use his/her bus pass or sells his/her bus pass is subject to having the bus pass privileges revoked.
- The bus driver has full authority as well as responsibility for control of the conduct of pupils while they are on the bus. Pupils should not annoy the operator or distract his/her attention from driving. The bus drivers should be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.
- The safety of students, and particularly those who suffer from life threatening allergies, is a major concern. It is because of this that food (including any type of candy or gum) and drinks are strictly prohibited from consumption on the school bus. All food, drink, and candy must remain contained while on the school bus.
- Vandalism, destruction, or defacing of property will not be tolerated.
- Pupils who witness the destruction of property have a responsibility to report such misbehavior to the driver or school authorities.
- Due to the width of the school bus aisle (12" at the knees and 15" at the waist/chest) and the height of the seat backs (44" from the floor to the top of the seat back), no large instruments (e.g., cellos, French horns), large projects or large objects may be brought on the bus. In addition, a child must be able to carry and contain any and all items between his/her legs or on his/her lap. Cellos, French horns, large projects, or other large objects cannot be accommodated in the one seat in which a child is sitting.
- Do not block the aisle.
- Find a seat quickly. No saving seats.
- Two or three children permitted in a seat, no more.
- Stay seated while the bus is moving. Wait until the bus stops before getting up.
- Pupils shall not open windows without permission. Do not throw anything out of the window. Do not put your hands, arms, or any parts of your body out the window at anytime. Do not open the rear exit emergency door unless there is an emergency or the driver directs you.
- There shall be no pushing, striking, or general fooling. Pupils are not allowed to use profane or abusive language.

Behavior

The procedure for handling behavior problems, including bad language, on school buses shall be as follows:

- a. First Offense: A letter and the Bus Conduct Form shall be sent from the principal of the school or transportation coordinator to the parents of the student advising the parents of the offense.
- b. Second Offense: Bus privileges may be revoked for a two-week period, and parents shall be so notified by the principal of the school the student attends.
- c. Third Offense: Transportation privileges may be taken away from the student for the remainder of the year, and the parents shall be so notified by the principal of the school the student attends. There are no refunds if privileges are revoked.