

School District Administration FY14 Transportation Fee Proposal

January 25, 2013 revised January 26, 2013

Payment Option 1: Guaranteed Seat – Registered and Paid by May 11, 2013

Transportation Service	One Student	Two Students	Three Students
Town-Paid¹ Round Trip: <i>Please Register by May 11, 2013</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parent-Fee Round Trip	\$722	\$1,444	\$1,805
Discount	-\$422	-\$844	-\$1,055
Subsidized Parent-Fee Round Trip: Paid in full by May 11, 2013	\$300	\$600	\$750

Payment Option 2: Space Available Basis – Registered and Paid between May 12 & July 1, 2013

Transportation Service	One Student	Two Students	Three Students
Town-Paid Round Trip: <i>Please Register by May 11, 2013</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parent-Fee Round Trip	\$722	\$1,444	\$1,805
Discount	-\$222	-\$444	-\$555
Subsidized Parent-Fee Round Trip: Paid in full by July 1, 2013	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,250

Payment Option 3: Space Available Basis on established route - No Route Changes will be made Registered and Paid after July 1, 2013

Transportation Service	One Student	Two Students	Three Students
Town-Paid Round Trip: <i>Please Register by May 11, 2013</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parent-Fee Round Trip: Paid in full after July 2, 2013	\$722	\$1,444	\$1,805

Financial Assistance is Available: ²

Applications are sent out to current year recipients each May to accelerate the submission process for the upcoming school year. The fee in effect at the time the school bus transportation registration form is received is the fee that will be reduced upon financial award determination.

Families New to Lexington:

Families/Students new to Lexington will receive the discounted Transportation fee if they register for the bus within 90 days of their student's completed matriculation into the Lexington Public Schools. Students are prevented from registering for the bus until s/he has completed all enrollment procedures required of the school department.

Refunds:

It is the policy and practice of the school administration that refunds are only available if requested prior to the first day of school and the pass has not been issued. Once the pass is issued, refunds are not available. School Bus Transportation is a mass transit model; it is not a door to door taxi service. Bus stops are located in mutually convenient areas for all students who are registered for the bus. Under clear weather and normal traffic conditions, all routes should average in length between 30 and 45 minutes from departure (not release time) to completion. Each bus stop adds 2 to 3 minutes to the route's driving time.

¹ **Town-Paid School Bus Pass-** K-6 students living more than two miles from their districted school, as measured from the center line in front of the homeowner's property to the official school bus drop area, will be transported at Town expense. A bus registration form **MUST** be submitted for anyone wishing to ride the school bus, including those who are distance eligible.

² Financial Assistance applications are available at <http://lps.lexingtonma.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=650>.

Other Transportation Services Available for Additional Fee:

The Lexington Public Schools offers an extended “mass transit” model to families who wish to use local Lexpress or school buses to transport their children to Lexington based private after school programs, employment, or other Town of Lexington programs.

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<i>Optional: 2nd Household Pass³</i>	\$150	\$300	\$450
<i>Optional: Elementary After-School Destinations⁴</i>	\$60	\$120	\$180
<i>Optional: Middle School or High School Flexpass⁵</i>	\$50	\$100	\$150

The elementary student offering is in its second pilot year. The goal of the pilot is to remove or eliminate private car traffic at pick up time around our schools and offer working parents a transportation option for afterschool. One factor parents need to realize is that due to local traffic conditions around schools, and dismissal at 3:15 pm, programs that start before 3:45 pm may not have timely arrival either by school bus or private vehicle. The afterschool programs who participate have modified their program start time to accommodate public transportation. Please work with directly with the private program of your choosing to answer any questions or concerns you have about arrival procedures at their program.

Flexpass is now in its third program year. It began in the 2011-2012 school year as a pilot for high school students to have late bus transportation after sports and activities at school. In the 2012-2013 school year, the program expanded to include Clarke and Diamond Middle Schools. The fee paid for the Flexpass is transferred to Lexpress for students to enjoy late afternoon transportation services. It is not for use in the morning, as school bus routes are available with stops conveniently located in neighborhoods.

How is the additional fee charged? The optional fee is added to the school bus transportation fee if you register by May 11, 2013. For example, if you are registered and paid by May 11, 2013, and wanted to add the Flexpass at the time of registration, the total amount due is \$350. If you wanted to add the Flexpass option later in the school year, the additional amount due would be \$50, because you already paid the school bus transportation fee. If you are a Town Paid student who wishes to participate in the Flexpass Program, the fee is \$350. If you register and pay after the May 11 deadline, the options can be added at no additional cost to the student, upon receipt of payment for the school bus transportation fee in effect. The fee is applied in the same way for the Elementary After -School Destinations program.

³ **Optional 2nd Household Pass-** A second bus pass can be issued to students living in a two household family, each of which is located within the same district. These passes are based on space availability.

⁴ **Optional Elementary After-School Destinations-** The goal of this program offering is to have a separate bus from each school making an Elementary After-School Destination route. For an additional \$60/student and based on space availability, transportation from school to participating, local, nonprofit after-school programs is available. Participating programs may change annually. This option may be purchased at any time during the school year.

2012-13 Destinations included:

LYCAL (Lexington Youth Center of Asian Learning)	240 Bedford St., Unit 3
IDIIL Learning	2600 Massachusetts Ave.
Chinese and Math Learning Center (LexCML)	57 Bedford Street, Suite 203a
Hayden Recreation Centre	24 Lincoln Street
Munroe Center for the Arts	1403 Massachusetts Avenue
Russian School of Math (pending)	

⁵ **Optional Middle and High School student Flexpass-** For an additional \$50/student the Flexpass option offers middle and high school students transportation on Lexington’s municipal Lexpress bus service beginning at 3:30pm Monday thru Friday. A Flexpass may be purchased at any time during the school year.