

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Each year the Hudson Public School District reviews student enrollment and existing bus routes to ensure efficient and safe transportation for all eligible students. Hudson will provide transportation services to all students entitled to such services under the law.

Safety is a responsibility that is shared between the family and the school. While the law requires the School Department to provide a defined level of transportation, it does not relieve parents/guardians of students from the responsibility of supervision until the student boards the bus in the morning. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure the student safely arrives at, and departs from, the bus stop. The parent/guardian is responsible for escorting the student to and from the bus stop where there are no sidewalks, where sidewalks are only on one side, where the bus stop is on the opposite side of the street, and where there are traffic or other safety concerns.

I. Eligibility for Transportation

In addition to the mandate contained in Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 71, Section 68 relative to the transportation of students, it is the policy of the Hudson Public Schools to transport students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 12 who reside in the town of Hudson, as follows:

1. Kindergarten students living more than ½ mile from their assigned school.
2. Elementary school students living more than 1 mile from their assigned school.
3. Middle school students living more than 1½ miles from the middle school.
4. High school students living more than 1½ miles from the high school.

Printed bus passes will be issued to eligible students and walk-zone, determined by distance from school as stated in 1-4 above, will be enforced for all students K-7.

This policy, being consistent with current state law, may require students to walk up to one mile to a bus stop.

This policy is subject to change due to fiscal constraints or other circumstances.

II. Pick up and drop off

Hudson will provide transportation to and/or from an address other than the student's residence or bus stop if

1. The alternate pick up and drop off stop location is located on an existing bus route, is within the student's assigned school district, and will be the student's stop location every day.
2. Both the student's parent/guardian and the school principal or his/her designee sign a document approving this alternate transportation arrangement.

In case of emergency, Hudson may make alternate transportation arrangements for individual students upon the approval of the school principal or designee and the transportation coordinator.

III. Transportation Problems

Students and/or their parents should report transportation problems to their school principal. If the principal is unable to resolve the issue, the principal will refer it to the transportation coordinator for resolution. If the students and/or their parents are not satisfied with the proposed resolution of their problem, they should then bring the problem to the attention of the Superintendent of Schools.

Behavior problems on school buses will be handled in accordance with policy JICC: Student Transportation Discipline.

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