



NATICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS - TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

www.natickps.org/districtinfo/transportation/main.cfm

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A TOWN PAID SCHOOL BUS PASS?

As mandated by State Law, Grades K-6 students who reside more than two miles from their districted school are eligible for a Town Paid bus pass, provided they register by June 15th. Eligibility measurements were determined by the Town's GIS system, using the shortest walking route to the bus drop off point at the school. (Eligible Street Listing is available at www.natickps.org click on District Information; Transportation) All other Grade K-6 students and **all** Grade 7-12 students will have the option to purchase a bus pass by the June 15th deadline date. Bus pass fee is \$150.00 per student; \$300.00 family unit maximum. All riders must submit a registration form with the non-refundable full payment (check or money order; no cash, please) by the June 15,th deadline date. On-line payment through Uni-Pay Gold link, using debit checking, or various credit cards, is an option at our website www.natickps.org The June 15th deadline date applies. Bus pass fees cannot be pro-rated for one way, part year or less than full use. Refunds will be honored prior to the first day of school, only if there is a student waiting for a seat assignment for that bus route. Once school begins, no refunds will be issued. Bus route assignments cannot be guaranteed to any student registered after the deadline date. (New residents exempt based on seat availability) Bus passes will be mailed to students who have paid in full a week or two prior to school opening.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

On the school bus registration form, please check the last box registering your children for the school bus. Mail the bus registration form to the Natick Public Schools Transportation Office, 13 East Central Street, Natick, MA 01760. Print out a Financial Waiver Form from our website at www.natickps.org District Information, Transportation or any school web site. **Complete the Waiver Form and attach supporting financial documentation. Mail to Natick Public Schools, Business Office, 13 East Central Street, Natick, MA 01760 (508)647-6493 (deadline date of June 15th applies). You will be notified by mail of determination.** All applications are kept confidential.

DOES MY CHILD NEED A BUS PASS TO BOARD THE SCHOOL BUS?

Yes - All bus students are required to carry their bus pass on a daily basis, and present the pass to the driver each day. We suggest attaching the pass to the inside of back pack. This will keep the pass secure, and allow the student to display it without delay. Please review Bus Pass Policy at www.natickps.org click on District Information, Transportation. Out of fairness to those who have purchased a bus pass, or are Town Paid eligible, should you suspect a bus pass has been duplicated or re-produced, please notify the Transportation Business Office at 508-647-6497.

CAN MY CHILD RIDE HOME ON ANOTHER BUS?

Unfortunately, No. For liability and safety reasons, students may only ride their assigned bus. Transporting students to social events, daycare or religious classes is not permitted. Should there be a family emergency or medical situation, parents should notify the school Principal and temporary arrangements will be made. We offer a second pass/route assignment (based on space availability) for \$75.00 per second bus route/pass, each student; no family unit maximum applies.

I HAVE JOINT CUSTODY OF MY CHILD. CAN SHE/HE RIDE TWO DIFFERENT BUSES?

Our second pass/route assignment would be an option for you to purchase for \$75.00 each pass, on a space available basis.

HOW DO I FIND OUT WHEN AND WHERE BUS STOPS WILL BE LOCATED?

Bus routes will be posted on our website www.natickps.org click on District Information; Transportation in late August, prior to the opening of school. Routes will be published in the local newspapers, and each school main office. Students are expected to board the bus at “common” bus stops. ***Please be reminded that parents and guardians are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children until the child boards the bus in the morning, and once the child leaves the bus at the end of the day.***

LATE BUSES: High School and Middle School bus pass holders will be eligible to ride the Late Buses. The Late Buses stop only at pre-determined designated stops throughout town. (School Main Offices has Late Bus route information; or visit our website) The student must be a registered bus pass holder and show the bus pass to the driver to board a Late Bus. Late Buses leave Middle Schools at 3:05 p.m. and the High School at 3:20 p.m. (Monday-Thursday).

CAN A STUDENT'S CONDUCT RESULT IN SUSPENSION FROM THE SCHOOL BUS?

YES– Bus Conduct is an extension of the classroom. Students are expected to behave in a manner which will provide for optimum safety of the individual student as well as all others aboard the bus. Conduct Rules & Policy are located on our website. Please take a moment and review the rules with your child/children. Should your child lose bus privileges, refunds will not be honored.