

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> <b>TRANSPORTATION - STUDENT</b>	<i>Code</i> <b>EEA</b>
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## ***HOLLISTON***

### **1. Transportation Eligibility**

Students who are residents of the Town of Holliston may be provided with transportation services, over town-accepted roads, to and from the Holliston Public Schools. A HPS transportation map will be provided in the Office of the Superintendent, and the minimum guidelines are described below:

- Preschoolers are not entitled to transportation services unless the student has an Individualized Education Program that requires transportation services.
- Grades K-6 are entitled to transportation services with the exception of those living in the designated walk zone (according to the HPS transportation map available on the district website) to the school, as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- Grades K-6 who live outside of the designated walk zone and 2 miles or less from their school will be subject to a transportation fee.
- Grades 7-12 are entitled to transportation services with the exception of those living in the designated walk zone (according to the HPS transportation maps available on the district website) to the school, as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- Grades 7-12 who live outside of the designated walk zone will be subject to a transportation fee

Exceptions to these guidelines may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent or their designee after consultation with the Holliston Police Department.

#### **Exceptions:**

The Superintendent or designee may waive these eligibility requirements if a student's health and/or safety might be affected by the lack of school bus transportation. Determination of waiver will take bus space availability into consideration.

Transportation of students on buses that are not regularly assigned to them may be allowed in order to permit these students to attend after-school activities within Holliston. There must be adequate room on the existing bus, and no additional cost to the Town shall be incurred for this transportation.

#### **Children of Bus Drivers:**

Bus drivers may not transport their own children without the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee will make these decisions based on load limit and safety.

#### **School Bus Stops:**

There will be designated bus stops that can only be modified after consultation with and the agreement of the safety officer. The bus shall pick up and drop off students only at the designated bus stop. If, in the judgment of the driver, there are safety concerns about discharging a student at the designated bus stop, the driver will return the student to school, and every attempt will be made to notify the parents. Requests for a change of the designated bus stop of a student must be made in writing to the transportation coordinator. In emergencies, a verbal request may be made by the parent followed by a written request within one school day.

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