



Carlisle Public Schools

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Academic Excellence

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2026-2027 Grade 7-8 Bus Fee Information

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the school year winds down, we have begun planning for student transportation and bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year. Under Massachusetts State Law Chapter 71, Section 68, schools are required to transport pupils in grades K-6 who live two or more miles from the school. Providing transportation for students in grades 7 and 8 is optional, regardless of the distance from their residence to the school. As in past years, the district will charge a bus fee for all students in grades 7 and 8 riding the bus during the 2026-2027 school year. In an effort to alleviate the strain of paying multiple fees, the School Committee has approved an amended fee structure for families with multiple riders. The fee for the first rider from a family is \$450.00 and the fee for each subsequent rider is \$225.00, half the price of the initial bus pass fee.

To order a bus pass, please send a check in the amount of \$450.00, or more depending on the number of 7th and 8th grade riders in your family, made payable to the "Town of Carlisle," **by August 15, 2026**. Include the student(s) name in the memo section. Your payment should be mailed to Carlisle Public Schools, 83 School Street, Carlisle, MA 01741, Attn: Business Office. To pay online please visit the Carlisle Public Schools website at www.carlisle.k12.ma.us and click on the Online Fee Payment link at the bottom of the homepage under the Information section. Choose the 7th and 8th Grade Bus Fee option and fill out the requested information.

Bus fees may be waived for students who qualify for Free or Reduced School Meals. For more information on how to apply for Free and Reduced Meals please visit the Carlisle Public School website and click on the Free & Reduced FAQ or Application link on the [Lunch Information webpage](#). This program is handled in a totally confidential manner, and may be initiated by submitting an application to the school or by contacting the Food Service Director or Principal.

Bus routes are published on the [school website](#) approximately one week prior to the start of school. Bus passes will be generated over the summer and given to students at the start of the school year. Students without passes will not be allowed to ride the bus to or from school after the first week of classes, and this includes the afternoon late bus for after school activities.

Should you have questions regarding bus passes or bus routes, please contact Mary O'Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent, at moregan@carlisle.k12.ma.us or 978-369-4102.

Sincerely,

James F. O'Shea
Superintendent