

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

School Year: 2010-2011

On June 9, 2010 the School Committee voted to reduce the Transportation Department budget by \$500,000 and to implement state statute Chapter 71, Section 68 which requires only that districts provide transportation for students in grades K-6 who live beyond two miles from a school. This reduction will result in significant changes to the Framingham Public Schools transportation system for the 2010-2011 school year. The district's first priority will be providing transportation to eligible students as defined below. Transportation for ineligible students is neither required nor guaranteed and will be contingent on a review of bus capacities in October.

### **In Framingham the transportation policy will be implemented as follows:**

- Distances shall be those between that point in the roadway nearest to the pupil's home to the defined bus pick up or drop off point at the school of attendance.
- All determinations by the Town Engineering Department are final for measurement purposes.
- There will be no pick up and/or drop off, of any student, on private property. Pick up and drop off points will be at the point in the roadway nearest the public way.
- Students in grades K-6 who live more than 2 miles from the school they attend will be eligible for transportation at no cost.
- Students in grades 7-12 who live more than 2 miles from the school they attend will be eligible for transportation, but must pay a fee.
- Students in grades K-12 who live less than 2 miles from the school they attend will be ineligible for transportation.
- The bus fee for grades 7-12 will remain at \$270.00 for 2010-2011 with a family cap of \$540.00.
- A fee waiver will be available for students, who are eligible for transportation as defined above, in grades 7-12 who have applied for and are eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- Purchase of seats for ineligible riders will be extremely limited, if available at all.
- The transfer request process for 2010-2011 has been suspended until further notice.
- The Transportation Policy is currently under review.

- Childcare Transportation: Transportation to childcare is the responsibility of the parent, not the school district. However, parents may complete a Childcare Transportation Request Form. Requests will be reviewed by the Department of Transportation. Please note the following:
  1. Childcare transportation for grades K - 5 will not be available if the childcare location is within two miles of the school the child is attending.
  2. Childcare transportation that is located more than 2 miles from the school the child is attending is not guaranteed for eligible or ineligible students. Guidelines for childcare transportation are under review and will be outlined on the Childcare Transportation Request Form.

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