

2019-2020 BUS TRANSPORTATION



ALL STUDENTS MUST REGISTER ON LINE

It's time to register on line to ride the bus for the 2019-2020 school year using MCC eSchool. Please view the Chelmsford Public Schools (CPS) website, click the PARENT tab, and scroll down to REGISTER AND PAY ON LINE. A student ID number is required to register.

EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL JUNE 30

Chelmsford Public Schools offers a discount of \$25.00 off the regular bus fee of \$200.00 per rider if paid from MAY through JUNE 30, 2019. The family cap for this early purchase is \$400.00.

JULY 1 TO JULY 31

From July 1 thru July 31, 2019, the regular bus fee is \$200.00 per rider, with a family cap of \$500.00.

AUGUST 1 to JANUARY 31

From August 1, 2019 thru January 31, 2020, the late registration bus fee is \$225.00 per rider, with a family cap of \$500.00.

FEBRUARY 1

From February 1, 2020 on, a half-year registration bus fee is \$100.00 per rider, with a family cap of \$500.00.

ALL RIDERS MUST REGISTER, EVEN IF THERE IS NO FEE

All current CPS students and incoming (registered) new students are required to register and pay on line using MCC eSchool for both registration and payment. Since all registrations are done on line and are linked to the online payment, payments by personal check or cash are not accepted.

New incoming students to the district may experience a short delay in receiving a student ID number after the initial registration visit. New incoming students will receive an email containing their student ID from CPS, which is required to register for the bus. This student ID number is also used for other interfaces with the district.

All students are required to register every year if they would like to ride the bus, even if they do not need to pay a fee. When all students register to ride the bus, the district has the most accurate student/rider data and therefore can establish bus routes with better efficiency and on-time performance.

The decision to charge a fee or not is based on the grade of the student and the mileage between home and school. To summarize:

GRADE	UNDER TWO MILES	OVER TWO MILES
K-6	PAY FEE	NO FEE
7-12	PAY FEE	PAY FEE

Initial bus route creation will be based on student registrations received as of July 31, 2019. Students who register to ride the bus on or before July 31, 2019 will have their bus pass mailed to their home address on Friday August 16, 2019. The bus pass will contain the assigned bus number, bus stop location, and estimated pick-up/drop-off time. Students who register late to ride the bus—from August 1, 2019 through August 23, 2019—will be assigned an existing bus stop location based on the initial bus routes created. Additional bus stops may be added and bus routes may be updated based on late registrations received, but the initial bus routes for the 2019-2020 school year will be in effect from the start of the school year through mid-September. In the event bus routes are to be changed due to stops being added, we will notify families by email and will post updated route information to X2. Students who register after August 23, 2019 will be assigned an existing bus stop location based on the established bus routes. Throughout the school year, we review bus routes for efficiency, including adding/removing bus stop locations. If and when we modify existing routes, prior notice of route adjustments shall be provided to families by email and updated route information will be posted to X2.

A student may also be eligible to have their bus fee waived if they are approved by the state for free or reduced-price lunch (financial hardship on the MCC registration form). If you feel you may be eligible for a fee waiver, please register for the bus using the “seeking financial assistance” box for each student in the online bus registration. Once the state approves your request, please send the award letter to the email address below to receive a bus pass. If the state does not approve the request, the bus fee will be due at the current rate at the time of the notification to the CPS transportation coordinator.

Any student who will be using an alternate address from the home address (such as a daycare address) **must** email the CPS transportation coordinator at the email address below. As in prior years, alternate addresses must be good for five days per week.

Please contact Peter Brekalis, CPS transportation coordinator, at brekalis@chelmsford.k12.ma.us or (978) 251-5100 x6942. Additional information may also be viewed in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the CPS website. To access the information, click the DISTRICT tab and scroll down to TRANSPORTATION. Please call MCC directly at (508) 460-6000 for assistance if you encounter trouble processing your online registration using the MCC eSchool product.

ALL BUS PASSES WILL BE MAILED IN AUGUST BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS