

# Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District School Committee Policy



## TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

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1. Students will be entitled to transportation to and from school at the expense of the public schools when such transportation conforms with applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. Reimbursement to the school system for transportation costs is given by the Commonwealth only for (a) students living at least one and one half miles from school, (b) students who live more than one mile from the nearest bus stop, and (c) students with special needs for whom transportation must be provided.
2. Students living more than the following distances from school shall be provided free transportation.
  - a) Kindergarten - Grade 3 - All students are transported. (The parent or adult designee of K-3 students must be present at the bus stop when the child is transported home in the afternoon, or the child will be brought back to school.)
  - b) Grade 4 - Grade 8—1 ½ miles
  - c) Grade 9 - Grade 12—1 ¾ miles

The maximum preferred walking distances from home to the bus stop are as follows. These may be exceeded in unusual cases:

- a) Kindergarten - Grade 3— ¼ mile
  - b) Grade 4 - Grade 12— ¾ mile
3. Exceptions to these guidelines may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent. This will apply particularly to any student who must travel in a hazardous area to and from school. These students will be transported regardless of the mileage limits listed. Students living less than the prescribed distance may be provided transportation when deemed necessary for safety reasons after consultation with the school safety officer.
  4. Parents concerned about a safety condition relating to children traveling between home and school, such as the need for bus transportation below 1 ½ miles, change of a bus stop, etc., may petition the Director of Finance and Operations, who will, in consultation with the safety officer, investigate the matter and will recommend a solution to the Superintendent.
  5. Students may lose their bus privilege due to misbehavior. Such decisions will be made by the Principal.
  6. Detailed instructions relating to safety, discipline, and driver responsibility will be promulgated by the Director of Finance and Operations after consulting with principals and with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools. Those relating to discipline shall be filed with the Department of Education.

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