



# Lawrence Public Schools

## Policy of the School Committee

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The major purpose of school transportation is to get students who live an unreasonable walking distance from home to school and back in an efficient, safe, and economical manner. Other purposes include the provision of transportation for academic field trips in direct support of the curriculum, and transportation for the support of the co-curricular program (e.g., athletics, music, drama, and the like.)

These shall be the criteria for the management of school transportation:

1. Adequacy: Does the program provide both the necessary and sufficient transportation to and from school and for all other school programs?
2. Safety: Does the scheduling and operating of the program take into consideration hazards, potential dangers to pupils and all appropriate safeguards?
3. Economy: Is the program operated in the most efficient manner possible after considering the constraints imposed by the criteria of adequacy and safety?

The Manager of Transportation, working in conjunction with the Principals, shall be responsible for scheduling all bus transportation, including the determination of routes, bus stops, rules and regulations, and all other matters relative to the transportation program.

### Evaluation

The school transportation program shall be monitored by the Principals and the Transportation Manager or their designees daily and subjected to periodic evaluations by them as necessary. An overall evaluation shall be conducted by the Transportation Manager on or before November 1 and June 15 of each school year and a summary report of same submitted to the Superintendent.

### Eligibility

Bus passes shall be furnished without a charge to the following public and parochial school pupils within the City of Lawrence:

1. All pupils, grades K-6, who live more than two (2.0) miles actual walking distance by the most direct route to the property line of the school that they attend within the city limits.
2. All pupils inside the walking limits stated above, when, in the opinion of the School Committee, a hazard or safety issues are involved.

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3. All pupils inside the walking limits stated above who present medical evidence that such transportation is necessary.
4. All students inside the limits stated above who require special education services and transportation as written in their Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.).

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