

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The District provides free transportation to and from school for students in grades K – 6 who live two miles or more from their assigned school. In all other cases, parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school. The District may offer fee-based transportation to students in grades 7 – 12 and students in grades K – 6 who live less than two miles from their school.

The Wellesley Public Schools shall provide transportation to and from:

1. The regular day school programs maintained by the Wellesley Public Schools;
2. The regular day school programs maintained by other schools within the community;
3. Special needs programs as specified in the student’s Individual Education Plan; and
4. Vocational programs when the student’s enrollment has been approved by the Superintendent or designee.

The school system may contract for transportation services. The District will award contracts on a competitive bid basis. Contractors will be held responsible for the safe operation of their contracted vehicles and will comply with all applicable state laws and regulations, including but not limited to:

1. Specifications for school bus design and equipment
2. Inspection of buses
3. Qualifications and examinations of bus drivers
4. Driving regulations
5. Small vehicle requirements, if applicable
6. Insurance coverage
7. Adherence to local regulations and directives as specified in bid contracts

The Superintendent, working with contractors and other appropriate administrators, will be responsible for establishing bus schedules, routes, stops, and all other matters relative to the transportation program.

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