

POLICY MANUAL	Ipswich Public School FILE CODE: EEAA
---------------	--

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

According to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Sections 7A and 68, transportation at school district expense will be provided for students through the sixth grade who live more than two (2) miles from the school which they are required to attend.

- A. The district will provide transportation, at a minimum, for Ipswich resident students according to the following guidelines:

Grade	Distance
K - 5	Students living more than one mile from school
6 -12	Students living more than two miles from school

Students who live less than the required distances and have been bussed due to historical reasons or in error may be required to walk after reasonable notice.

- B. Transportation will be provided for all children bearing notes from physicians attesting to a specific physical disability, temporary or otherwise, which prohibits their walking to school.
- C. Additional students may be allowed to ride on a space-available basis according to the following priorities:
1. Ipswich residents starting with youngest students at the most extreme distances and at existing stops.
 2. Should buses approach overload numbers on a consistent basis, students living closest to school may be required to walk or arrange alternative transportation.
 3. 95% of stated capacity will be considered operationally full for determining available space.
 4. Students who are provided transportation based on available space may have the privilege revoked at any time after appropriate notice.

- D. Parents are responsible for providing transportation for their children to and from school when their children are involved in the following:
 - 1. Participation in or attendance at activities which occur outside of the normal school day. ie: Athletics, clubs, extra help, disciplinary detention, etc.
 - 2. School Choice students shall be transported by their parents.
- E. If a decision regarding bus policy has not been resolved to a parent's satisfaction, a hearing will be held. Final authority shall rest with the Superintendent.

Adopted: June 15, 1989

Revision Accepted by Transportation Subcommittee: January 17, 1990

Adopted Revision: February 15, 1990

Adopted Revision: November 14, 1991

Adopted Revision: August 19, 1993

Adopted Revision: December 15, 1994

Reviewed by Policy Subcommittee: September 22, 1997

Adopted Revision: May 16, 2002