

## Pentucket Regional School District

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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE BUS PASS APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.PRSD.ORG](http://www.prsd.org) TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY.

THE DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF APPLICATIONS IS JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>

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### Frequently Asked Transportation Questions

**Bus pass fees are:** \$180.00 per student round trip for the school year. AM or PM bus passes are available for \$90.00 and winter bus passes are available for \$90.00.

**DO I NEED TO REGISTER EVEN IF I DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THE BUS PASS?** Yes, you must register to receive a bus pass in order to ride the school bus, regardless if you have had to pay for the pass or not. Bus Pass Applications are available on the District Web site ([www.prsd.org](http://www.prsd.org)) or at the Central Office on 22 Main Street in West Newbury, MA.

**WHO MUST PAY FOR A BUS PASS?** The Pentucket Regional School District School Committee adopted a fee based Busing policy for “non-eligible” students. Non-eligible students must pay for a bus pass. Non-eligible students are those students that are in kindergarten through grade 12 who reside **1.5 miles or less** from the school they attend.

**HOW IS MILEAGE CALCULATED?** There are several means available to check mileage; all of which deliver conflicting results. We use Google Maps, MapQuest and Yahoo Maps and try to find the solution that works best for your address.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Residential driveways do not constitute the starting point in determining mileage.

**HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD’S ROUTE IS OVER OR LESS THAN 1.5 MILES?** You may use: ([www.maps.yahoo.com](http://www.maps.yahoo.com)); ([www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com)) or ([www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)). Any question pertaining to a bus pass or on your mileage only, you may contact Kathy McWilliams at 978-363-2280. All other questions pertaining to bus routes, etc. need to be directed to First Student Bus Company at 978-346-4571.

**CAN I RECEIVE A FREE PASS? WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE PASS?** Applying for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program does not deem a free bus pass until a determination has been made by the Food Services Director. Only students eligible for the Free or Reduced lunch program are allowed to receive a free bus pass, regardless of their mileage or their grade level.

**Is there a payment plan?** If you have more than one child, you may pay half up front and pay the other half by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ARE ONLY FULL DAY PASSES AVAILABLE?** No, full day/full year passes are available. There are also; AM or PM passes and winter passes. Winter passes begin on November 15<sup>th</sup> and end on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Registrations that occur after the start of school will be charged the annual bus pass fee.

**WILL THERE BE TRANSPORTATION TO / FROM DAY CARE FACILITIES?** Transportation from and to Day Care Facilities will be allowed ***only if there is sufficient bus capacity.***

**WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE BUS PASS?** Bus passes will be handed out the first day of school. Students who do not have bus passes may not be boarded on the buses to go home. There is a grace period of 5 days.