

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Massachusetts General Laws governing school transportation require school departments to provide transportation for students in grades kindergarten through grade 6, living 2 miles or more from their school. We are pleased to offer transportation for all of our students in all grades, however we must charge a fee for those students who live less than 2 miles from their school. Please see the categories listed below for more details.

### **Bus Rider Categories**

There are three (3) categories of transportation and all students fall into one of these categories:

**Category #1.** Students grades K- 6, who live more than 2 miles from the school they attend, OR cross or walk on Route 138 (safety), will be transported without a fee.

**Category #2.** Students in grades K-6, who live less than 2 miles from the school they attend, are eligible to apply and pay for the Pay and Ride Program.

**Category #3.** All students in grades 7-12 (regardless of distance) are eligible to apply and pay for Pay and Ride Program

\*\*If you plan on applying for the Free and Reduced Lunch program please indicate on the electronic form.

### **Transportation Fees**

If you are required to pay a transportation fee for your child(ren), the fees are as follows:

\$300 for the first child

\$285 for the second child

\$265 for the third child

Family cap of \$850

All fees are subject to change by vote of the Canton School Committee.

Each child is eligible for one seat on one bus. If you require a child to be picked up and dropped off at an additional location requiring a second bus, you will need to purchase a second seat at regular price. Please contact the transportation office at 781-821-5060 x1156 for more information.

### **Application Timing**

All applications must be submitted by May 19, 2023. Applications received after May 19, 2023, will be subject to a late fee of \$50.00 per student. Applications received after June 9, 2023 will not be processed until October 1, 2023. No exceptions!

### **Payment Options and Information**

1. Applicable MySchoolBucks invoices will be available online by June 16, 2023.

a. Login to MySchoolBucks and pay invoice: You may pay by credit card (3.95% fee) or by ACH e-check (\$0.25 fee). \*\*Please keep the confirmation for your records\*\*

b. Mail Check Payment

\*\*Please note MySchoolBucks accepts payment by check for less than the cost of a stamp\*\*

- i. Make checks payable to "TOWN OF CANTON"
- ii. Clearly note your students name(s) and school(s) they attend on your check. If you do not include this information, the check will be returned to you.
- iii. Mail checks to:

Canton Public Schools  
C/O Transportation  
960 Washington Street  
Canton, MA 02021

If you have questions about the amount to remit, please contact the transportation office at the email listed at the bottom of this letter. Checks mailed with incorrect totals or no student name on them will be returned. Applications are not considered complete until payments are made.

Any family that has a payment balance from previous school years for preschool, athletics, food services or transportation will not be permitted to apply for a bus pass for the current school year until the balance is paid in full.

### **Bus Passes**

Families will receive a temporary, electronic bus pass before the start of school. If you have not received your child bus information by August 25, 2023, please contact the transportation office.

If you have any questions about transportation, please email [transportation@cantonma.org](mailto:transportation@cantonma.org).

Sincerely,  
Brett McCloud  
Enrollment & Transportation Coordinator