

## **File: EEAA - STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Students will be entitled to transportation to and from school when such transportation conforms to applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws and Framingham Public Schools policy.

### **Students Eligible for Bus Transportation:**

Per Massachusetts General Laws, students in Grades K-6 living more than two miles from their assigned school will be provided transportation at no charge by the Framingham Public Schools.

### **Students Ineligible for Bus Transportation:**

Students ineligible for bus transportation per Massachusetts General Laws include:

- Students in Grades K-6 living less than 2 miles from their assigned school; and
- All students in Grades 7-12.

Ineligible students may be offered transportation based on space availability. In the case of transportation provided to students that is not required by this section or by any other general or special law, a school School Committee may assess fees to the transported student up to an amount sufficient to cover the costs incurred by the district; provided, however, that no student eligible for free or reduced lunch, under the federal school lunch program, shall be required to pay the fee; and provided further, that a school School Committee may choose to exempt families at other income levels as it may determine

Exceptions to this policy may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent or their designee.

Subject to current law and regulation, the superintendent may suspend or modify policies related to the transportation of students by the school district. Legal requirements relating to IEP's that contain transportation for students shall not be altered without the appropriate family consent. These modifications shall be consistent with the district "back to school" plan.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L [40:5](#); [71:7A](#); [71:68](#); [71B:5](#)

CROSS REFS.: [EEA](#), Student Transportation Services

*This policy was updated and approved by the Framingham School Committee in Open Session on September 22, 2021.*

## **File: JQ - SCHOOL FEES, FINES AND CHARGES**

The Framingham Public Schools recognize, encourage and support a wide range of co-curricular activities and services at all levels. These co-curricular activities and services enrich the lives of students and encourage opportunities for extended learning and athletic and social expression.

To the extent possible, the Framingham Public Schools will financially support these activities and services through the operating budget. Where it is deemed necessary, the School Committee may institute fees relating to specific activities or services including but not limited to busing, athletics, and parking. In the event that fees are necessary, all students will be encouraged to participate regardless of financial status.

Fees established by the School Committee will be reviewed and voted on an annual basis at the time that the budget is prepared for the following fiscal year.

The following statement will be included in all literature concerning fees:

*The Framingham Public Schools encourage participation in school activities regardless of financial status. Inability to pay a fee will not prevent any child from participating. For assistance, please contact the building principal to receive information concerning necessary procedure.*

All student fees and charges, both optional and required, will be listed and described annually in each school's handbook or in some other written form and distributed to each student. The notice will advise students that fees are to be paid and of the penalties for their failure to pay them. Permissible penalties include the withholding of report cards until payment is made or denial of participation in extra class activities while the student is enrolled in this district.

### Charge for Lost and Damaged Books, Materials, Supplies and Equipment

The district holds a student responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property that are lost or damaged.

Any fee or charge due to any school in the district and not paid at the end of the school year will be carried forward to the next succeeding school year, as such debts are considered to be debts of the students to the district and not a particular school.

### Musical Instrument Program

When announcements are sent out for the musical instrumental program a set of guidelines for parents for renting or purchasing instruments shall be included as well as a list of any companies that are interested in being considered. Copies of such letters will be mailed to these companies.

CROSS REF.: [JICB](#)

LEGAL REF.: MGL, Ch. [44](#), Section 53 (Deposit of Receipts in Treasury; Exceptions)

**File: JQ-R-3 - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR PARKING FEE**  
**AT FRAMINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL**

There are two fee options for students wishing to park in the Framingham High School parking lots for the **2017-2018** school year. The fee will be \$125 per year for students who wish to park in the upper lot closer to the school and \$75 per year for students who wish to park in the lower lot. The administrative regulations for the **2017-2018 school year** fee program are as follows:

1. Any senior in good standing who wishes to purchase a tag for a lot must apply at the Senior Grade Office. There will be a lottery for these students. When a student's name comes up, he or she may choose the parking lot he or she wishes to pay to park in as long as such availability exists. In the event that there are additional spaces available once all senior requests are honored, a lottery will be held for juniors in good standing in mid-October.
2. Students who have paid the fee will receive a parking tag for a designated parking lot.
3. Parking on campus will not be permitted without a parking tag.
4. In accordance with Policy [JQ](#), the parking fee will be reviewed and voted each year.

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