

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The major purpose of the school system's transportation services is to aid students in getting to and from school in an efficient, safe, and economical manner.

The Mansfield Public Schools will contract for transportation services. Contracts will be awarded on a competitive bid basis by the School Committee. Bus contractors and taxi contractors, who will be held responsible for the safe operation of school buses, 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 the bus contractor 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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LEGAL REFS.: MGL. 40:5 Appropriation of Money for Exercise of Corporate Powers
MGL 71:7A Transportation of pupils; payment of costs; limitations; 7B
Transportation of pupils; reimbursement of costs; determination of
amount; use of funds; and 7C Bus transportation programs; financial
assistance
MGL 71:37D Racial imbalance; definitions; statistics; transfers; priorities;
plans for elimination; public hearings; regulations; jurisdiction; costs;
attorney's fees
MGL 71:48A School safety patrols; functions, limitations; liability
MGL 71:68 Duties of towns to maintain schools; transportation of
children; school building committee representation
MGL 71:71A Highway safety stations; designation, discontinuance
MGL 71B:4 Agreements between school committees or with public or
private schools

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MGL 71B:5 Costs or obligations; payment; budget

MGL 71B:8 Transportation to and from school; reimbursement to parents

MGL 74:8A Transportation of students

MGL 76:1 School Attendance Requirements & Exceptions

MGL 76:12Bi Definitions; attendance of school other than in city or town of residence of child; reports; tuition; parent information system; transportation reimbursement program; funding

MGL 76:14 Island children; transportation

CROSS REF.: EEA, Walkers and Riders

NOTE: For additional information, refer to [Pupil Transportation Guide: A Guide for Massachusetts School Administrators](#)