

A bus fee is required for transportation of students living within two miles of the school. The School Committee has established the bus fee to be \$125 per student (\$300 cap per family).

Fee payment is managed by FACTS Management. FACTS is a payment service we use to collect bus fees as well as tuitions for preschool and kindergarten. You will be invoiced by email, unless you do not have email.

If you plan to drive your student(s) to and from school, or if they are in the YMCA before- and after-school childcare program, please contact the business office so we can remove the fee. If you moved and are no longer within two miles and you get an invoice, please contact the business office.

A bit of background:

State law prohibits schools from charging bus fees for students who travel more than 2 miles to school. The measurement is from the end of the driveway where the student lives (even if you drop them off at another address for day care) to the school by a commonly traveled route.

Our district has chosen the bus circle as the “school” for both the Roderick and Delaney School. We measure distances using map software.

If students qualify for free/reduced lunch and indicate on their application that information can be shared for this purpose, the bus fee is waived.

Most of the surrounding towns charge bus fees. Regional school districts, including King Philip, are not permitted to charge bus fees because the state provides additional state aide to regional schools to help pay for transportation.

Transportation of students is one of the highest costs in our school budget. We pay over \$650,000 a year for busses. The fees paid by parents are enough to save a teacher’s position. The bus fee was started when the economic downturn caused budget cuts. It has not been increased since the 2011-2012 school year.