

**Saugus Public Schools
Transportation User Fee Policy**

The Saugus School Committee recognizes the legal requirement to bus all elementary and sixth grade students who live at least two (2) miles from their school. The committee also understands the desirability to provide bus transportation for the other students due to the myriad of heavily traveled streets in town. In order to accomplish this while at the same time holding down the costs of busing, the School Committee, with this policy, establishes a transportation user fee.

Any student, grades K- 6, who lives at least two miles from his/her school, will be allowed to ride the bus at no cost. Any student living less than two miles from his/her school is required to purchase a bus pass. The cost of riding the bus will be determined by dividing the established cost of putting a bus in Saugus by the number of students who want to ride. There is no family rate. Each student is required to pay the full fare. Bus passes will be sold during the months of August and January.

Bus passes will be issued on a first come, first served basis as long as seats are available.

The first payment, a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), will be due by August 31st. The balance will be due by January 31st. Refunds of the full amount paid will be made up to the first Friday in October for monies paid in August, and the second Friday in February for monies paid in January. No refunds will be available after these dates.

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