MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS / ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

2016-2017 TRANSPORTATION FEE ADVISORY

Bus Fee Deadline Friday, July 29, 2016 – Waiting List after Deadline until September 30th

- Students in Grades K - 6 whose legal residence is **2.0 or more miles** from their assigned school are eligible for transportation and there is **no fee charged**.
- Students in Grades K - 6 whose legal residence is **within 2.0 miles** from their assigned school and **all students in Grades 7 - 12** are offered transportation on a **pay-n-ride basis**.
- A list of streets that are less than 2.0 miles is posted at all schools and on our website at www.mansfieldschools.com.
- All bus routes are posted at the end of August at our schools and on our website at www.mansfieldschools.com.

BUS FEES: ***$225 first student, $200 second student, $150 third student = $575 maximum per family.***

DISCOUNT: **If you sign up by Friday, June 17, 2016, there will be a $20 discount per student.**
$205 First Student; $180 Second Student; $130 Third Student = $515 maximum per family.

FEE WAIVER: Under Mass. General Laws, students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch may or may not be eligible for a transportation fee waiver. You must fill out a Transportation/Fee Waiver Application and attach proof of income, i.e., copy of payroll stub, income tax return, etc. Fee Waiver Applications are available on our website, www.mansfieldschools.com or at your child's school. Kindergarten students must meet financial eligibility requirements for free or reduced lunch, even though they do not participate in the lunch program. ***(Note: Fee Waivers will NOT be processed without proof of income.)***

***DEADLINE*:** **Pay-N-Ride applications and fees or Transportation/Fee Waivers with proof of income are due NO later than FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016**. (No exceptions unless new students moving into Mansfield).

Students who sign up after the July 29th deadline will be put on a waiting list until September 30, 2016.
This will give the bus company time to map routes and assign students to buses to minimize crowding and routing issues.
If student(s) is put on waiting list, applications (with fee attached) or fee waivers (with proof of income attached if approved) will be date stamped and held until September 30th after which time parent/guardian will be notified either by email or contact number if there is space availability on the bus. Not all late applicants may be assigned a bus.

OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT:

- Check or money order made payable to Mansfield Public Schools c/o Pay-N-Ride, 2 Park Row, Mansfield, MA 02048
- On-line Bill Pay at www.mansfieldschools.com.
- **No cash can be accepted**.
- The Town Hall drop box for bill payments is **not** for the School Department. Please **do not** leave your Pay-N-Ride payments in the drop box.
- **The Pay-N-Ride fee is payable in advance and non-refundable once the student begins riding the bus.**

LATE BUS FEE: For high school and middle school students who do not wish to sign up for pay-n-ride (pay-n-ride fees include the late bus), but wish to take the late bus home, may purchase a late Bus Pass for $125.00 which covers the entire school year, or purchase a pass per semester $62.50 September-January; $62.50 February-June. The fee is not prorated or refundable.
The Late Bus Pass may be purchased anytime throughout the school year.

ALTERNATE ADDRESS REQUESTS: State law assumes routing is planned in relation to the student's home address. We have adopted another State statute, which allows you to substitute an approved licensed daycare center from home. Students are transported to and from the same address each day of the week. We cannot transport to different addresses on different days of the week. Please note that bus routing, even for kindergarten students, may not necessarily be door to door. A copy of our Transportation Policy is available for review on our website.

LIFE THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITION: It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide health information to school bus drivers. If your child has a life threatening medical condition that his or her bus driver should be aware of, please use the form available on the school web-site entitled "Emergency Medical Information for Bus Drivers". Return completed form to your school or fax to Connolly Bus at 508.261.7517.

There will be no eating or drinking on all school buses. Eating on the school bus poses a risk of choking and potentially endangers students with food allergies.

CARRY-ON ITEMS: Any items other than backpacks and lunch boxes are not allowed on the bus unless the object is small enough to be placed under the seat in front of you (less than 1 yard long, 1 foot wide and 10 inches high).

CONDUCT: Riding the bus is a privilege and can be revoked for improper conduct.