

Peabody Public Schools

Transportation Department
27 Lowell, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960
Telephone: 977-536-6581

On September 21, 2004, the Peabody School Committee approved the “Pay to Ride” program for students who live in the walking zone.

If you live in the walking zone and there is an available seat on the bus that follows your routes, you may apply for Pay to Ride. The program will be granted on a first come, first serve, space available basis.

How will this work:

- Round trip \$300.00 for the entire year starting in October, to have their child ride the bus.
- One Way \$200.00 for the entire year starting in October, to have their child ride the bus.
- Applications are now being accepted.
- Application forms are available at the School Administration Building and the Transportation Office.
- Assignments to buses will be first come, first serve, on a space available basis by school then by bus. We will run no additional buses to accommodate applicants.
- **We will make no additional stops, as the buses are carefully timed for each run. Any new riders must go to an existing stop. There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
- Payment needs to be made for the entire year and must be sent with the application.
- Misbehavior by a student on a bus can lead to the loss of bus privilege. This determination will be made by the Principal in conjunction with the Transportation Supervisor.
- Refunds will be made only to families who move from the area.
- We will not take payments for partial weeks. Payment must be for the entire remainder of the year.
- In case of financial hardship, assistance for those families who qualify may be provided. Financial hardship applications are available.
- All students will be placed on a first come, first serve basis with no regard for whether or not the application will be for a full-priced ticket.
- Upon acceptance a bus pass will be mailed to your home. Students must show the bus pass upon entering the bus.
- **On some bus runs there are few seats available, other bus runs are full. We will fill only the seats available.**
- For more information you can call the Transportation Office at 978-536-6581.

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PAY TO RIDE APPLICATION 2018-2019 FOR STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE "WALK ZONES"

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt# _____

Home Telephone: _____ Parent's Work Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Start Date: October 2018

Cost: \$300.00 – Round Trip
 \$200.00 - One Way AM to School PM Home from School

Payment must be included with application. In case of financial hardship, assistance for those families who are eligible, may be provided.

Payment form: Personal Check
 Money Order

Please mail to: Peabody Public Schools
Transportation Department
27 Lowell Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Do Not Write Below This Line
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For Office use Only: Date Received: _____

Application Number: _____

School: _____ Bus Number: _____

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Date: _____

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**FINANCIAL HARDSHIP APPLICATION
PAY TO RIDE**

If you qualify for financial hardship, your child may ride the bus at a reduced cost or free. To receive the reduction of the fee, you must complete this financial hardship application and return it to the Buisenss Office with your documentation. **AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Student Name: _____

Please print clearly

Address: _____

Apt # _____

Telephone: _____

School _____

Grade: _____

NAMES OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	Monthly Income	Any Other Income	Total Monthly Income
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

VERIFICATION

Your eligibility to receive a free or reduced fee will be verified. **You are required to submit proof of income with this application.** If not supplied you will not be eligible for a free or reduced fee.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SEND

1. If your child is a Foster Child, send us official documentation from the agency sponsoring the child.
2. If you receive Food Stamps or TANF for your child, send us a copy of one of these:
 - a. Current Food Stamp or TANF Certification Notice that shows dates of certification or
 - b. Letter from Welfare Office that says you receive Food Stamps or TANF
3. If you do not receive Food Stamps or TANF for your child, complete the application with information on household income and send pay stubs or other papers that show your household's current income. The papers you send must show the **name** of the person who received the income, the **date** it was received, **how much** was received and **how often** it is received.

ACCEPTABLE PAPERS INCLUDE

Jobs: Two to three current paycheck **STUBS** that shows how often pay is received.

Social Security, Pensions, or Retirement: Social Security retirement benefit letter, statement of benefits received, pension award notice or copy of checks.

Unemployment, Disability, or Worker's Comp: Check stub or notice of eligibility from State Employment Office or letter from Workers' Compensation

Welfare: Benefit letter from welfare agency

Child Support or Alimony: Court decree or copies of checks received

Other income: (such as rental income): Information that shows the amount of income received, how often and date received.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

The information on your applications will be kept in the strictest confidence. The application will be used for the sole purpose of determining eligibility for reduced or free transportation.

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported.

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____