

BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION

2022-2023 School Year

REGISTRATION

- **Bus Registration opens: Wednesday, June 1st, 2022**
 - The primary parent listed on the student's account will receive an email with registration instructions.
 - Please whitelist all emails from the Belmont Public Schools to ensure receipt of all communications.
 - Parents and/or guardians must register their child via the link provided. This is the only valid means of registration.

Bus Registration closes: Friday, July 15th, 2022

- Parents are strongly encouraged to register students before the deadline to ensure a seat on the bus. Seating is not guaranteed after the close of bus registration. Students may be placed on a waitlist until seating becomes available.

BUS FEES

TIME	SESSION	FIRST ½ FEE	SECOND ½ FEE	TOTAL FEE
AM/PM	Full Year	\$287.50	\$287.50	\$575.00
AM/PM	Half Year	\$143.75	\$143.75	\$287.50
AM or PM Only	Full Year	\$143.75	\$143.75	\$287.50
AM or PM Only	Half Year	\$73.75	\$70.00	\$143.75

Changes to bus schedules may be accommodated depending on seating and availability. Fees will be prorated based on the changes made. Please inquire about changes to busing needs at busing@belmontschools.net.

PAYMENT

You may pay your child's bus fee in one of two ways:

ONLINE

- You may make your payment through the Transportation Store in the MySchoolBucks portal:
<https://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/Home/Fees>
- Parents have the option of paying based on student needs: AM/PM, AM only, or PM only.
- Payments made online are applied to the students' accounts within 24 hours.

CHECK/MONEY ORDER

- Checks should be made payable to Belmont Public Schools and mailed to:

Belmont Public Schools
C/O Business Office
644 Pleasant Street
Belmont, MA 02478
- Please retain your annual fee amount as your second semester reminders **do not** contain individual student fee information.

Please note: The Business Office does not accept walk-in payments.

BUS PASS PROTOCOL

Given the overwhelming number of requests for busing, these rules will be enforced as a measure of fairness as well as for the safety of every student:

- Bus drivers will be checking bus passes daily for all Middle School riders. All students must be in possession of their passes every day, and be able to show them before boarding the **afternoon** bus.
- **PM Bus Pass Checks** - Any student who rides the AM/PM or PM only bus will need to show their pass prior to boarding. Any student who does not have their pass will not be permitted to ride the bus that afternoon.
- Any students found riding the bus outside their assigned schedule or assigned bus number will not be allowed to ride the bus at that time. Students' names will be given to the Business Office and the Chenery Main Office for further corrective action and notification of parents.
- In the event of a lost bus pass, please notify the Business Office for a replacement. Students who have lost a pass and do not request a replacement will not be permitted to ride the bus until a replacement pass has been issued and received by the student.
- As a reminder, no student may ride the bus at any time if they are not registered with an issued bus pass.

DISTANCE & AVAILABILITY

- Transportation is provided for all students in grades K-6 living over 2.0 miles from their assigned school at no charge.
- If a request is made and granted to attend a school outside of your neighborhood district, parents are responsible for transporting students to and from their chosen school.
- Students residing in the Winn Brook neighborhood are considered “walkers” to the Belmont High School based on proximity to the school.
- Please view the Safe Routes to School presentation for walking route maps to all Belmont schools.

BUS ROUTES

- Bus routes are posted online approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the start of school each year, and may be viewed here:
 - <https://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/bus-faq>
- Students and parents will need to estimate their arrival time at the bus stop in the morning for the first week until the bus settles into a schedule, allowing parents and students to plan on a permanent basis
- Bus routes are centralized to promote the following:
 - Decreased travel time via fewer stops per route; in some cases up to 50% fewer stops than previous years
 - Prompt morning and afternoon delivery times
 - Minimal annual changes to stops which ensures consistency and ease of planning for parents/guardians and students
- Students may board and exit the bus via any stop on their assigned route

CONTACTS

- For all busing inquiries including, registration, change of schedule, fees and payments, Student IDs, and bus passes:
 - busing@belmontschools.net
- For questions and issues with MySchoolBucks:
 - <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/help/gethelp>
- Please note the protocol for lost items:
 - Items left on the bus will be recovered by the driver, daily
 - Items are held until the next day, giving students the opportunity to recover items left behind on the prior day
 - Please email busing@belmontschools.net for questions regarding lost items