



**CAMBRIDGE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

About the Bus: School Year 2023-24

MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- As of March 14, 2022, masks are optional on CPS buses
- Arrive at your bus stop 10 minutes early
- The "Bus Tracker" app upgraded on October 1, 2021
- Windows may need to be open 1" or more during the school year.

Who is eligible to take the bus?

- Grades JK - 5: Students who must walk 1.0 mile or more, or cross Mass Ave.
- Grades 6 - 8: Students who must walk 1.5 miles or more.
- JK - 8: Students who must cross Fresh Pond Parkway, McGrath Highway, Alewife Brook Parkway, or the railroad tracks at Sherman St.

How do I register my student(s) to take the bus?

- Eligible students are automatically assigned to a bus.
- No reservation is required.
- CPS bus transportation is free of charge.

Can my student(s) take the bus after school to a family member's house or an afterschool program?

Yes, if there is a current bus route in place.

- Use the Find a Bus Route to enter the destination address to see if there is a current route.
- Complete the Transportation Change Form and return it to the school.

Is there a late bus?

Eligible students can take a "Late Bus" if they stay after school for clubs or activities. The late bus is arranged by the school principal.

The Late Bus follows a standard route that loops around the city. The bus will stop at the first address that is 1.5 miles or more from the school. The late bus is only available when after school clubs at Upper Schools are in session (October - May, with some breaks in service between quarters).

What about walking and biking to school?

The Safe Routes to School program offers safety tips and walking route maps.

Learn more at bit.ly/cambridge_srts

IMPORTANT SAFETY PROCEDURES TO REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD

- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before stepping towards the door.
- Find a seat towards the back of the bus
- Bags on laps for safety and space.
- Buckle up your seatbelt!
- No unauthorized adults on the bus
- No animals on the bus
- Cell phone use not permitted

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For non-emergency calls, please call between 9AM - 1PM.

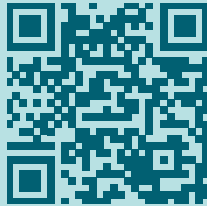
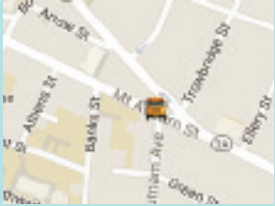
Eastern Bus Company (*big bus*): 617.628.6868

NRT (*van or mini bus*): 781.224.0003 X5

Find a Bus Route

Bus routes are available now.

1. Scan the QR code to visit bit.ly/cps-bus-tracker
2. Enter the address
3. See a list of bus stops and link to view them on a map.



Where's my bus? Use the Bus Tracker?

CPS launched a new bus tracker on October 1, 2021, which provided a more updated tracking status for buses.

The CPS Bus Tracker monitors the location of school buses as they travel across the city. See the bus live on a map!

1. Scan the QR code to visit bit.ly/cps-bus-tracker.
2. Enter your child's Student ID#
3. Click New Account and follow the instructions.

Check out the User Guide (bit.ly/bustracker_userguide) for more detailed instructions.



STUDENTS IN GRADE 2 OR YOUNGER

Someone must meet students in Grade 2 or younger at the bus stop. If the child does not recognize any adult or older sibling who is there to pick them up, they will stay on the bus until they can be dropped off at the Safety and Security Office at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Someone will contact you, and you can also call the Safety/Security office at 617.349.6772.

A yellow bus tag must be worn on the bus. Teachers will provide students with a yellow bus tag on their first day of school, listing their phone number and afternoon bus stop.

BUS RULES

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Level 1

- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Students must stay seated, with arms and legs inside the bus.
- Students may not distract the driver or block the driver's view.
- No yelling, shouting, pushing, shoving, throwing or littering.
- Bullying will not be tolerated.

1st Offense: The Principal will call the parent/ guardian and provide them with an incident report.

2nd Offense: A letter will be sent to the parent/guardian with the Incident Report, and a phone call will be made.

3rd Offense: The student must be suspended from the bus. A letter will be sent to the parent/guardian, and an office conference will be requested.

Level 2

- Stealing or possessing stolen items
- Matches or lighters on the bus
- Vandalism
- Possession of alcohol, drugs, weapons or sharp objects
- Threats or attacks on other

Failure to follow these rules will result in a minimum 5-day suspension from bus privileges, a letter sent home, and an office conference. The Principal and/or Safety and Security office may take further action if necessary.