ABINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-2 TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES FOR FEE BASED TRANSPORTATION

All eligible K-2 bus students are expected to ride the bus to which they are assigned both to and from school and to be picked up and dropped off at their assigned bus stops. Pupils will be asked to walk to a common bus stop. In that situation the child should be accompanied to the stop by a parent or guardian. The safety responsibility for escorting a child to and from the bus stop shall rest with the parents or guardians of the youngster involved.

Parents or guardians of students are responsible for supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Once the child boards the bus – and only at that time – does he or she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day. It is also expected that all pupils will be at the bus stop FIVE minutes before the bus arrives. Bus drivers have been instructed NOT TO STOP if no child is waiting. For safety reasons, it is most important that a parent or guardian be at the bus stop to receive the homecoming child.

As always, safety is of primary importance. At the bus stops and on the school bus pupils are expected to be well behaved and cooperative at all times. A pupil who repeatedly misbehaves or who by his/her actions poses a threat to the safety of others on the bus may be suspended, and if such behavior continues, bus privileges could be removed for a longer period of time.

- 1. Pupils will be picked up and dropped off at one consistent stop Monday through Friday. Designated stops will be determined based on location of students. Group stops will be utilized. The responsibility of escorting a child across the street when sidewalks are only on one side and/or where the bus stop is on the opposite side of the street shall rest with the parents or guardians of the student involved.
- 2. You may request another established regular bus stop, other than to your house, upon receipt of the transportation fee provided that:
 - The stop is on a route scheduled for your child's school
 - The arrangement is permanent and the same for all days
 - There is space available on the bus

However, if you request an alternate stop, you will be assessed the transportation fee of \$255.00 per student with a \$510.00 family cap.

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