



## WALKERS AND RIDERS

School bus transportation may be provided to and from school for elementary school children, (grades K-8) who live within the five-mile radius of the school. Bus service will be provided for students within these boundaries if the Board determines it is economically efficient, and is justifiable in terms of student safety. District resident students who reside more than five miles (5 mi.) from the school or assignment shall be provided school bus service, mileage, or room and board allowance in accordance with state law – as determined by the Board.

The transportation of students with special needs will be in accordance with the specifications of their individual educational plan (IEP) and will be arranged by the building principal and transportation supervisor.

### In-Town Bus Service

In Andover, Columbia, and Bristol, transportation services shall be provided to and from school. With occasional exception, due to severe weather conditions, students may be expected to meet at designated pick-up points within two blocks of their residence.

In Groton, shuttle service may be provided on designated buses between the elementary and middle school/high school attendance centers. There shall be no morning in-town bus service. Elementary students who live within Groton city limits may contract for afternoon bus service upon the following conditions:

1. The District shall determine the location of drop-off points where each student shall choose in advance to be dropped off. Bus drivers shall stop and unload students only at designated drop-off points...not front door service.
2. The elementary principal shall establish a quarterly bus riding registration list which also reflects drop-off points, by the following procedure – parental letter, along with registration form to be completed in advance, plus deposit of \$15 per quarter (\$60 annually per child), with the annual family charge capped at two students per family.