



WEYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Strong Schools  Strong Community



2018-2019
WPS TRANSPORTATION
&
McKinney-Vento
Students in need of Housing
ESSA – Title I
Stability for Students
In Foster Care



Overview

WPS Transportation

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McKinney-Vento & ESSA

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The Importance of School Buses

- *The National Academy of Sciences, U.S. Department of Transportation and other authorities agree that school buses are the safest form of transportation for getting children to and from school*
- Buses reduce traffic
 - Each school bus removes an average of 36 cars from the roads
- Buses reduce pollution
 - Buses remove billions of pounds of CO2 emissions yearly
- Buses make school accessible for all
 - For some the only means of transportation to school
- Buses are safer
 - Students are 20x's more likely to arrive at school safely and 50x's for teen drivers



First Student, Inc.

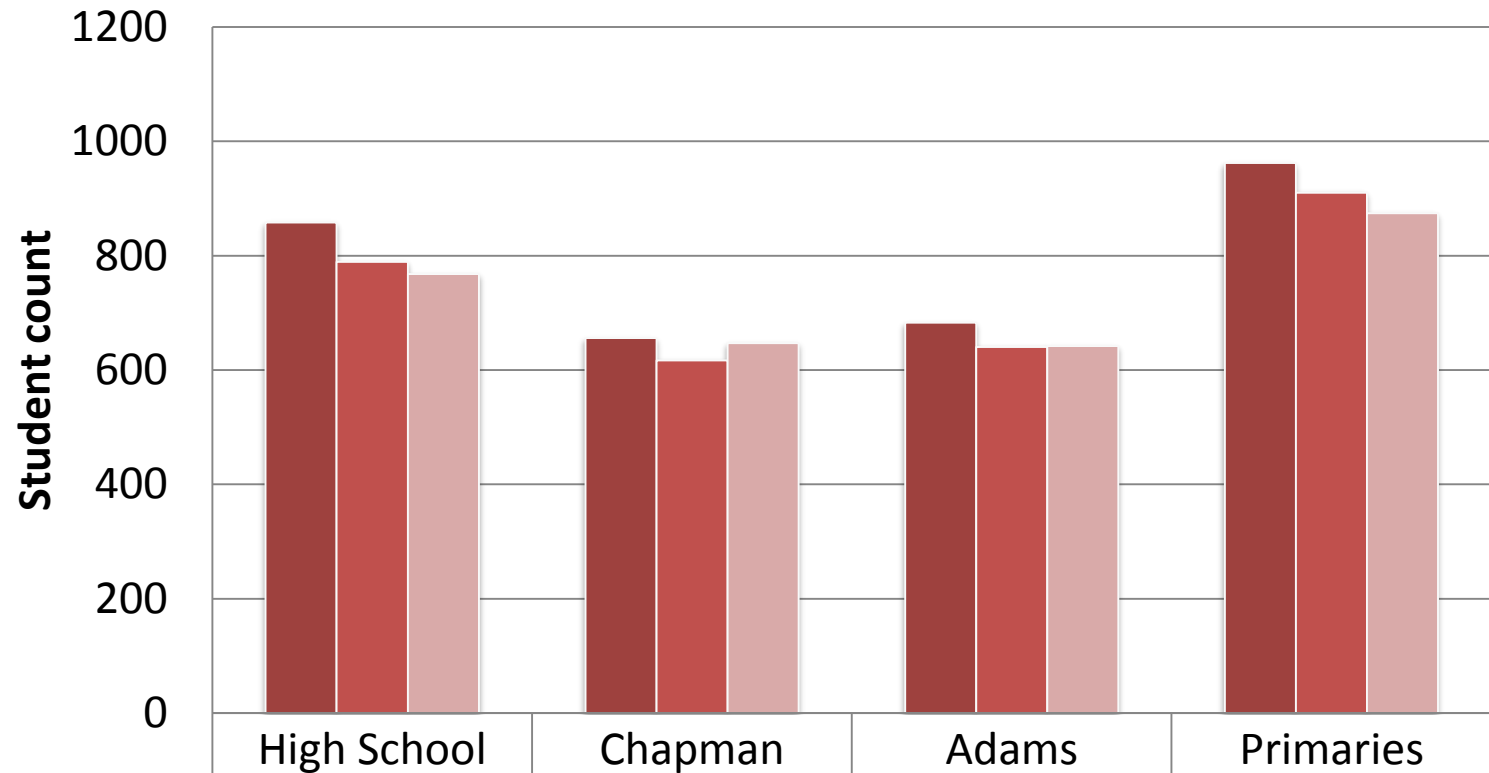
– WHS Campus: w/Late Buses	17 Buses	7:30-2:15
– Chapman Campus: w/Late Buses	14 Buses	7:45-2:15
– Adams Campus: w/Late Buses	19 Buses	8:15-2:45
– Primary Schools SY 18-19:	24 Buses	9:05-3:15
– Parochial Schools:	3 Buses	8:15/8:30-2:45/3:00

First Student Contract:

- Covers 5 years (July 2016-June 2021)
- 10 Buses of 30 are required to be 77 passenger
- Leased Bus



Bus Ridership by School



	High School	Chapman	Adams	Primaries
SY 2016	858	656	683	962
SY 2017	789	617	640	910
SY 2018	768	647	642	874



WPS Buses

- Full size leased bus 77 maximum capacity
- 2018 full size WPS bus 77 maximum capacity
- Three small buses
 - 1999 35 maximum capacity
 - 2000 20 maximum capacity
 - 2013 30 maximum capacity

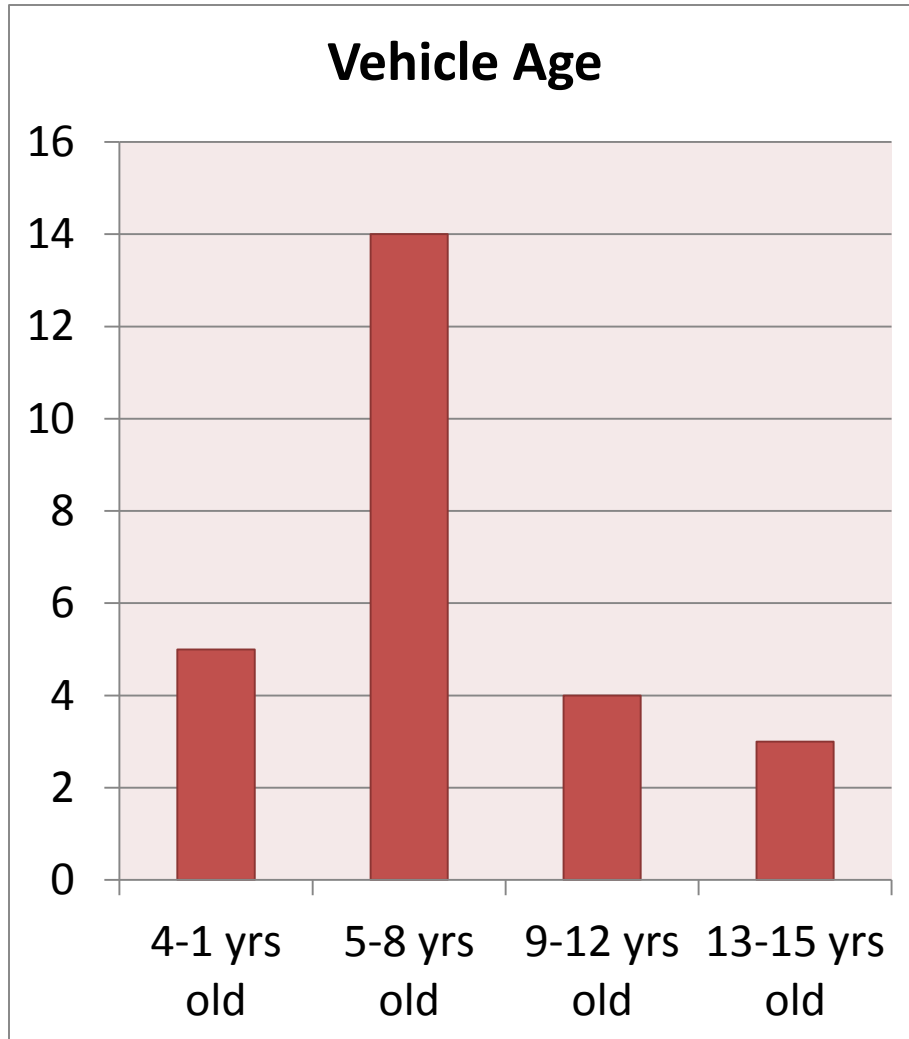


Sample Usage

- Athletic Events
- Weymouth Tours Historical/Geography
- Annual Planetarium – All District 1st, 5th, 6th, 8th graders
- Annual Water Treatment Plant – All 5th graders
- Vocational Worksites
- Weycare School Vacation Trips
- District Wide events - Special Olympics, School plays, Weycathalon,
- WHS - Band, Theater, Robotics, SKILLS, Color Guard, Interns
- Requested Field Trips and Move-up visits
- Share vehicles with town Weyrec summer program



WPS Vans Vehicle info



1-4 years old Total 5

5-8 years old Total 14

9-12 years old Total 4

13-15 years old Total 3

Oldest vans 15 years old

Vehicle features

- Capacity
 - Seatbelts/boosters
 - Wheelchairs
- Stop arms
- Steps/running boards

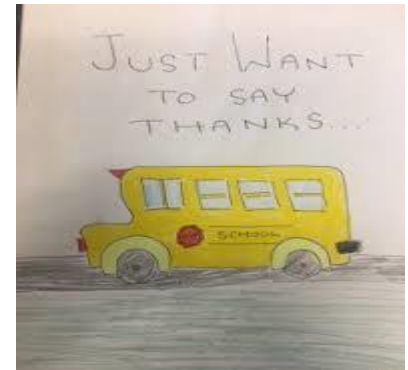
WPS Van Usage

- **Special Education Students**
 - Transport to and from district programs
- **Wheelchair Students**
 - Any student in need
- **Extended School Year**
 - Summer School
- **ELL Students**
 - Transport to and from Magnet district locations
- **McKinney-Vento & Title I**
 - Students needing support and service
- **High School Internships**
 - Life Skill's - Community visits
 - Post Grads – Bridgewater University
 - CTE students
 - Allied Health, Early Childhood Education, IT Technology
- **Mid-day Kindergarten Trips**
 - Saves money, low ridership numbers
- **Field Trips**
 - As requested, low numbers, wheelchair students, Pre-K
- **Out of District Schools**
 - Minimize the need to use vendors



Mass 7D Driver License Requirements

- 7D allows “school pupils” to be transported in vehicles other than school buses to and from school with a maximum of eight (8) passengers
- The vehicle must conform with 7D vehicle requirements
- An applicant must be
 - At least 21 years of age
 - Have had a driver’s license for three (3) continuous years immediately prior
 - Pass a CORI (Criminal Offender Records Information) check
 - Pass a SORI (Sex offender Registry Information) check
 - Have a satisfactory driving record
 - Pass an eye exam, physical exam and a written knowledge exam
- New requirements
 - Applications notarized
 - 2 hour pre-training requirement
 - 8 hour training annually renewal requirement



Traffic Supervisors



Primary times

8:20am to 9:20am and 2:40pm to 3:40pm

Adams times

7:15am to 8:30am and 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Chapman times

7:00am to 8:00 and 1:30pm to 2:30pm

- **List of schools and location of Crossing Guards**

- Academy Ave – Academy Ave @ school entrance
- Adams – Middle @ Academy
- Chapman – Commercial St @ parking lot entrance
- Hamilton – Union St @ school entrance
- Murphy – Front St @ school entrance
- Pingree – Commercial St @ school entrance
- Seach – Middle St @ school entrance
- Talbot – Ralph Talbot St @ school entrance
- Wessagusset – Pilgrim Rd @ school entrance



McKinney-Vento & ESSA Goals

- The goal of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including preschool education, as provided to other children and youth.
- The goal of the (ESSA) Every Student Succeeds Act, Title I, part A ensures the educational stability of students in foster care and their equal access to the same free and appropriate public education through high school graduation as provided to other children and youth. Implementation is collaborated with DESE, school districts, and Mass Dept. of Children and Families (DCF)



McKinney-Vento Liaison & POC for DCF

The McKinney-Vento Act requires every school district to designate a Homeless Education Liaison. ESSA requires School districts to designate a Foster care Point of Care staff.

The role of requires assistance in.

- **Identification and coordination with school personnel**
- **Enrollment**
- **Access to services**
- **Provide information and referrals**
- **Refer homeless families to services**
- **Ensure that students receive the educational services for which they are eligible**
- **Mediate and resolve enrollment disputes**
- **Professional development and other support**



Transportation

McKinney-Vento

- Cost-shared responsibility between districts
- Reimbursement eligible
- IEP – With transportation, not cost shared



Title I - DCF

- Districts must collaborate with DCF to establish policies and procedures to ensure that students who remain in school of origin receive transportation
- When no other agreement can be reached, districts of origin are responsible for providing transportation to/from school of origin
- Districts should document all costs associated with this transportation

McKinney-Vento & Title I Transportation

- Abington
- Arlington
- Bridgewater
- Boston
- Braintree
- Brockton
- Dedham
- Fall River
- Hanover
- Hanson
- Hanson
- Kingston
- Marshfield
- Needham
- Norwell
- Plymouth
- Quincy
- Randolph
- Whitman
- Walpole



District McKinney-Vento Statistics

2015-2016	2017-2018	2018-2019
<p>WPS provides services under McKinney-Vento Education Assistance Act to 124 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Currently, 94 students enrolled in WPS are homeless– Additionally, 30 students are transported to their school of origin.	<p>WPS provides services under McKinney-Vento Education Assistance Act to 125 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Currently, 107 students enrolled in WPS are homeless– Additionally, 18 students are transported to their school of origin.	<p>WPS provides services under <u>McKinney-Vento Education Assistance Act</u> and DCF to over 226 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Roughly 120 students enrolled in WPS are homeless.- Roughly 64 students receive transportation.



McKinney-Vento Grant

Parent/Student Support

- FY 2018/2019 - \$10,000 1 yr. reduced in half from last FY 18
- *The purpose of federal funds is to provide funding for programs that ensure homeless students are enroll in school, attend school, and have the opportunity to succeed in school.*
- Chrome books for use in school
- Brain Pop subscriptions
- Assist with fees; books, prom, Capstone, sports
- Summer camp scholarships



McKinney-Vento & ESSA Referrals

- WPS McKinney-Vento Liaison & POC
Robin.howard@weymouthschools.org (781) 335-1460
Ext.29231
- National Center for Homeless Education
www.serve.org/nche
- ESSA foster care webpage:
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/foster/>
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mv/haa/>



Next steps

- Continue to work with First Student to improve service
- Establish vehicle replacement rotation for WPS vans and buses
- Problem solve staffing shortage Vans/Buses/Traffic Supervisor/Office staff
- Transportation changes related to the Chapman build project
 - School start times
 - Redistricting bus routes



Questions

