

Dear Match MS Families and Students,

As you might know, Match receives all of its transportation services for its students from Boston Public Schools (BPS). BPS has a strict policy about who qualifies for transportation based on the distance each student lives from the school.

- Students in the **6th grade** who live 1.5 miles or more away from the school will automatically be routed for yellow school bus transportation.
- Students in **7th and 8th grade** will automatically be assigned to a prepaid M7 (public transportation pass) **unless** they have an IEP or 504 plan that requires school bus transportation
- Students **cannot** have both an M7 and a bus assignment
- Parents/guardians who would like to request school bus transportation for students who do not automatically qualify can do so via the BPS transportation website:
<https://bostonpublicschoolshelp.freshdesk.com/support/tickets/new>

If your student lives less than 1.5 miles (6th grade) away from 215 Forest Hills St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, your student won't qualify for BPS transportation services this year in 6th grade. That means your student will not receive yellow school bus service. This is not a Match policy, but a BPS policy - but we wanted to warn you ahead of time so you knew that this change was coming.

If you have any questions or concerns and want to learn more about the policy, you can call the BPS transportation hotline at (617) 635-9520.