

South Brookline BHS School Transportation

FY24 Budget and Service Discussion



SOBRO BHS Budget Summary

FY 22 BHS Service Budget	Cost per Day/ Fee	Days/ Payers	\$ Per Bus
2 Buses, Up to 4 hrs per day	\$500	(180 days x 2 buses) =360	\$ 180,000
User Fee - (Went to GF Revenue)	\$400	120	\$ 48,000
Net cost of BHS Busing to Brookline Tax Payers			\$ 132,000

FY23 Service w/ Revolving Fund	Cost per Day/ Fee	Days/ Payers	\$ Per Bus
2 Buses, 4 hrs per day	\$525	360	\$ 189,000
User Fee Revolving	\$ 400	120	\$ 48,000
Net Cost of Level Service BHS Busing			\$ 141,000



Why is there a bus fee for BHS?

- Bus service for HS students in cities or towns is not required by [statute](#) or School Committee [policy](#)
- In 2018 Multiple Groups and the School Committee [supported](#) funding for adding the service with a cost share to families as part of the FY19 Override vote
- [2018 Survey](#) of South Brookline families indicated a need/want for the service and willingness to pay some level of a user fee
- The fee was set at \$400 for FY21/22
- PSB Administration is not requesting a fee increase for FY24



Why did the BHS bus service change from prior years?

- Parents made clear the the need for round trip reliable service
 - Former service was AM only, shuttle bus, first come first serve
 - Concerns about MBTA access, PM only, capacity and reliability
- Survey indicated/supported individual concerns and anecdotal stories for providing consistent round trip BHS bus service in South Brookline



South Brookline Bus Data

- SOBRO Students Reside in Baker, Baker/Heath, Heath, and the Baker/Heath/Runkle/Lincoln Zones
- 459 students in Grades 9 - 12 for 2022-23
- 115 Students registered for BHS bus service 21-22
- About 25% of the zoned population for 2019-20
- 477 students from South Brookline are expected to be in Grades 9-12 at BHS for 2022-23
- 120 Anticipated registered riders for 2022-23



South Brookline Bus Data

- Students residing 1.5 miles or more from BHS are eligible for this optional service
- 55 Seats available for HS students on a bus
- Buses can make two runs in AM and PM, so that is 110 reserved seats per bus
- Due to dynamic BHS student schedules, not all students ride every day
- We have flexibility in the PM and Late PM buses for students and expect that to continue with similar registration totals for 2023-24
- We do not overbook trips for paying customers



Questions / Comments

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