
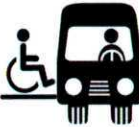





LET'S GET GOING!

Planning for transportation independence

This chart is a starting place to help ensure educators, students and families know their accessible transportation options and can take full advantage of their communities. Transportation education creates a culture that engages students, families, educators, pupil transporters, and public transportation professionals to empower and support student learners. Transportation can begin in grade school and carries students through all their transitions, including to postsecondary education, employment and independent living. There are many options to utilize, below is a graph of different opportunities. Transportation education is especially important for students with disabilities who may have fewer transportation options than their peers without disabilities. **Let's get started!**

Safe accessible transportation may include:

 Public Transit	<p>Where do I find out about this service?</p> <p>To find out whether public transit is available in your town or region, find your transit authority on this website and then visit their website or contact them to learn what they offer in your area i.e. travel instruction. www.mass.gov/info-details/public-transportation-in-massachusetts</p>	<p>Why is this safe?</p> <p>Drivers are certified and trained. Drivers have been CORI checked by employer</p>	<p>How can I provide support?</p> <p>Drivers are certified and trained. Drivers have been CORI checked by employer</p>	<p>Examples of IEP goals</p> <p>Student will explore travel options in their community. Student will learn how to obtain tickets for public transit. Student will learn to understand public transit schedules.</p>
 Paratransit	<p>Where do I find out about this service?</p> <p>To find out whether public transit is available in your town or region, find your transit authority on this website and then visit their website or contact them to learn what they offer in your area. www.mass.gov/topics/accessible-transportation</p>	<p>Why is this safe?</p> <p>Drivers are certified and trained and CORI checked. Door-to-door service with physical assistance if needed.</p>	<p>How can I provide support?</p> <p>School staff can assist the student in filling out the application for paratransit services</p>	<p>Examples of IEP goals</p> <p>Student will learn to apply for paratransit. Student will learn the policies and rules regarding paratransit. Student will be responsible for scheduling a ride. Student will ensure that sufficient funds are available to use service</p>
 Driver's License	<p>Where do I find out about this service?</p> <p>www.mass.gov/service-details/driving-resources-in-massachusetts</p>	<p>Why is this safe?</p> <p>Professionals help people with disabilities get the accommodations they need or learn at an appropriate pace.</p>	<p>How can I provide support?</p> <p>Encourage the student and family to be evaluated by a professional for the possibility of driving independently regardless of the students documented disability</p>	<p>Examples of IEP goals</p> <p>Student will begin the necessary steps to obtain their driver's license. Student will download driver's manual. Sign up for driver's education classes offered by the school to obtain a learners permit. Secure accommodations for permit test</p>
 Uber/Lyft	<p>Where do I find out about this service?</p> <p>Internet, smartphone application</p>	<p>Why is this safe?</p> <p>Drivers are certified and trained and CORI checked. Door-to-door service with physical assistance if needed. There is also a feature where riders can 'share their ride' so that others may track the ride.</p>	<p>How can I provide support?</p> <p>Staff can assist the student in downloading the preferred app on their phone and understanding how it works</p>	<p>Examples of IEP goals</p> <p>Student will download necessary app and learn to book a ride with assistance leading to independently booking a ride</p>
 Private Transit	<p>Where do I find out about this service?</p> <p>Internet, phonebook</p>	<p>Why is this safe?</p> <p>Curb-to-curb service.</p>	<p>How can I provide support?</p> <p>Staff can assist the student in identifying a private company in their local community and encourage use</p>	<p>Examples of IEP goals</p> <p>Student will identify a taxi service, schedule their own ride and move toward independent travel.</p>

TRANSPORTATION TYPES AND TERMS

Public Transportation

Buses, trains, subways, and other forms of transportation that charge set fares, run on fixed routes, and are available to the public.

Paratransit

Includes any means of shared ride transportation other than fixed route mass transit services. However, when people use this term, they are most often referring to demand-response service.

Regional Transit Authority

The MBTA provides public transit in Greater Boston. In addition, 15 Regional Transit Authorities serve other regions of Massachusetts, from the Berkshires to the islands. Transit authorities provide fixed route, paratransit, and some times specialized services like medical shuttles. Find out which transit authority – if any – serves your town here: www.mass.gov/info-details/public-transportation-in-massachusetts

Uber/Lyft

On-demand ride-sharing/ride-hailing transportation companies.

Private transit

Other transportation services that may be able to help students get where they need to go, such as taxis or private livery companies.

Mobility Management

Community professionals who coordinate transportation services are called mobility managers. They can help identify transportation options.

Additional resources:

Ride Match: www.massridematch.org is an online, statewide, searchable database of public and private transportation options. It was designed specifically with people with disabilities (and seniors) in mind.

National Center for Mobility Management- www.nc4mm.org

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center: <https://www.nadtc.org/resources-publications/transportation-education-curriculum/>

MassMobility: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massmobility>

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