



Shrewsbury Public Schools Transportation Update

2023-2024

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Topics

- FY24 Budget- AA Transportation Contract
- Services & Contracted Providers
- Report on the start of the year
- Ridership
- Bus Registration
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Contract with AA Transportation

Shrewsbury Public Schools is in Year 1 of a 5 year contract with AA Transportation

- Contract period runs from August 2023 through August 2028
- 6% annual increase over the term of the contract

Transportation Service	FY24 Budget
Regular Day	\$3,167,030
Special Education: In-District and Out of District	\$1,206,403
Vocational	\$174,044
Field Trips, Athletics and Extra-Curricular	\$ 502,865
	\$5,050,342

Services & Contracted Providers

Service	Vendor	Notes
Regular day including in-district special education [aka Home to School]	AA Transportation SPS vans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Shrewsbury Public Schools including RISE program ▶ Assabet Valley Reg. Technical H.S. ▶ St. Mary's, St. John's, Al-Hamra, Montessori
Out of District- Special Education	Varied	▶ Private school placements throughout the state
Athletic Competitions/ Extra Curricular Events/ Music Travel	AA Transportation	▶ High school and middle school events
Homeless Students (McKinney-Vento)	Varied	▶ Includes busing students sheltering in other towns back to SPS and students sheltering in Shrewsbury to other public school systems
Summer School	AA Transportation	For special education students with transportation in their IEP
Field Trips ["yellow bus"]	AA Transportation	Coach buses contracted separately for long trips or special events

Start and End Time Changes

Earliest pick-up time for SHS bus routes <u>before</u> 2023-2024 school start time change	6:13 AM (Average 6:19 AM)
Earliest pick-up time for SHS bus routes: 2023-2024 school year	7:00 AM (Average 7:05 AM) Average of 46 minutes more sleep opportunity for SHS bus students
Earliest pick-up time for Middle School bus routes <u>before</u> school start time change	7:13 AM (Average 7:18 AM)
Earliest pick-up time for Middle School bus routes: 2023-2024 school year	7:36 AM (Average 7:46 AM) Average of 28 minutes more sleep opportunity for Middle School bus students

Ridership

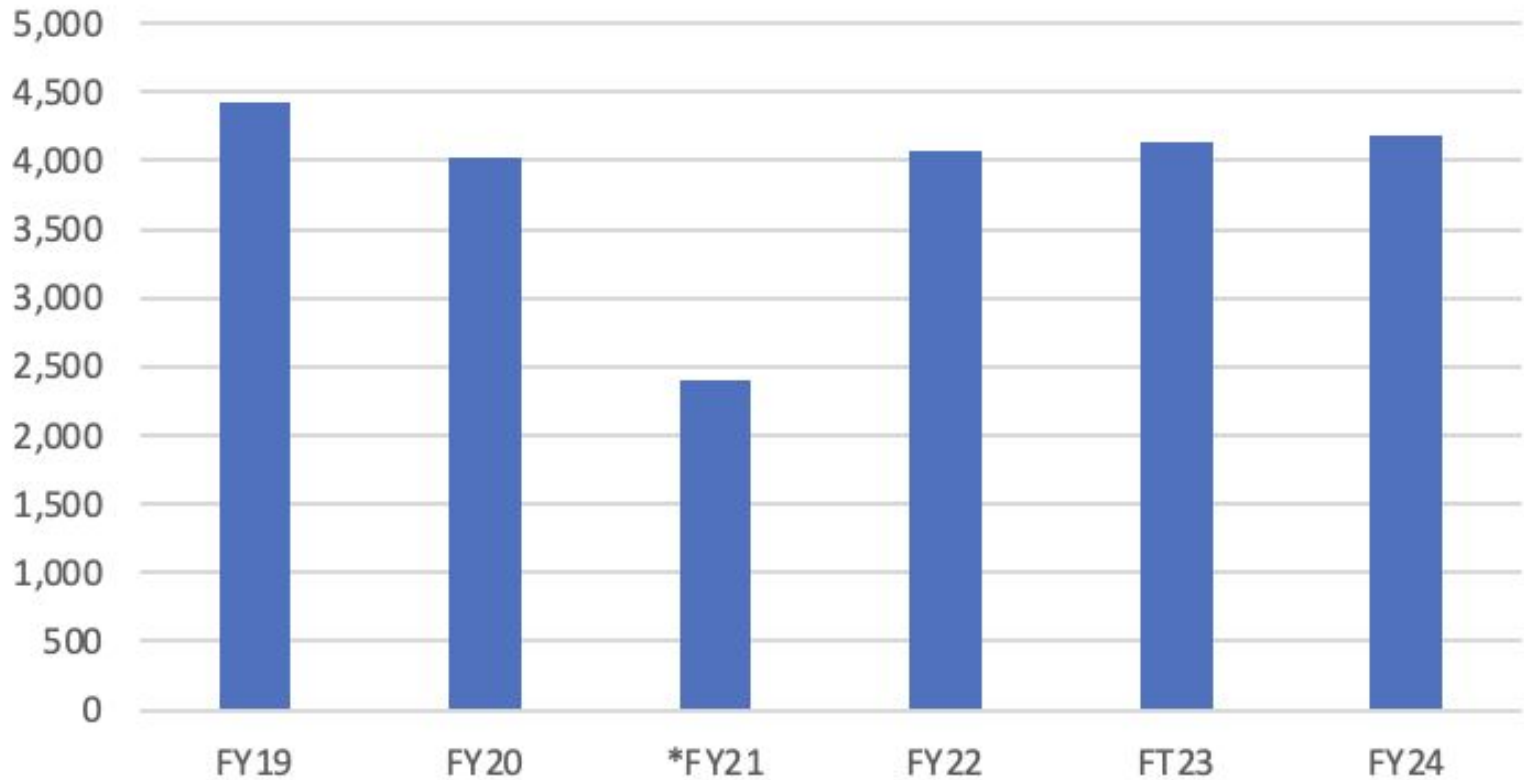
School District	2022-2023 Riders	2023-2024 Riders	Difference
Shrewsbury Public Schools	4,133	4,184	+51
Assabet Valley Regional Tech. H.S.	51	36	(-15)
St. John's High School	46	45	(-1)
St. Mary School	12	21	+9
Al Hamra Academy	29	34	+5
Montessori School	24	21	(-3)
Out of District Students (includes McKinney-Vento transportation for homeless students)	39	42	+3
Total Daily Riders	4,334	4,374	+40

Average Cost v. Fee

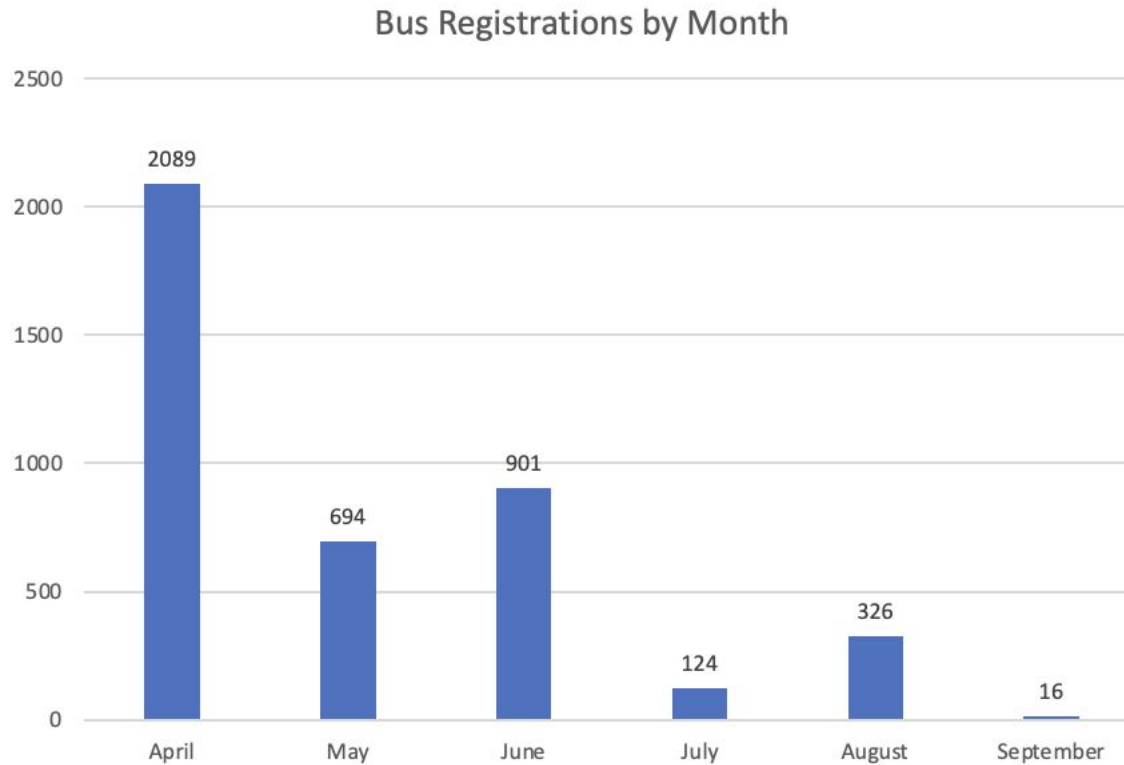
- 4,374 students currently registered in district, private schools, and Assabet
- Total budget of \$5,050,342
- Average cost= \$1,155/student
- Fee= \$320/student

Ridership for Shrewsbury Public Schools

Ridership by Year- 6 Year Span



Bus Registrations By Month Beginning April 1, 2023



Late Buses- 2023-2024

Late buses went into effect into effect on September 18th for the 2023-2024 school year

- 3 buses for Shrewsbury High School/ 3 buses for Oak and Sherwood Middle School
- Families can sign up for late bus access through the district Google sign-up form
- Bus stops are regional to access all areas of Shrewsbury
- The estimated cost of late bus service in FY24 is \$174,424, funded through the ESSER 3 federal grant

Late bus ridership from 2022-2023

- Shrewsbury High School- average 69 riders per week
- Oak and Sherwood Middle School- average 48 riders per week

Questions? Comments?

