Bowdoin College

Dear Members of the Class of 2019 and Parents:

Bowdoin’s vehicle policy prohibits motorized vehicles (cars, motorcycles, and mopeds) for all first-year students. We do understand the need to get off campus and are fortunate that there are many transportation options available to Bowdon students.

- **Zipcar**: Bowdoin has three Zipcars: a Ford Focus, a Jeep Patriot, and a Ford Escape that are available for student use 24 hours a day. For an annual membership fee of $25 and a low price of $7.50/hr - $8.50/hr or $69 - $77/day (weekdays), or $9.50/hr - $10.50/hr or $77 - $83/day (weekends), these cars can be used by Zipcar members to go to the grocery store or escape on a weekend trip. For more information visit [www.zipcar.com/bowdoin](http://www.zipcar.com/bowdoin)

- **Brunswick Explorer Bus**: The Brunswick Explorer provides public transit service throughout Brunswick. Buses run hourly with campus stops Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information on the Explorer Bus and schedules: [http://www.brunswickexplorer.org/](http://www.brunswickexplorer.org/)

- **The Bowdoin Shuttle**: This free shuttle provides safe and convenient transportation within a one-mile radius of campus. The Shuttle will take you anywhere in downtown Brunswick from 6 p.m. - 2 a.m., with extended hours until 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. The Shuttle (aka *Safe Ride*) can be reached at (207) 725-3337.

- **Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) Shuttle**: The shuttle takes students to Freeport and Portland on Fridays, Portland on Saturdays, and Freeport and the Maine Mall (South Portland) on the first Sunday of every month – for a fee of $5.

- **BSG Break Transportation**: BSG offers transportation to the Portland Jetport during breaks for a fee of $30.

- **Brunswick Taxi**: The Brunswick Taxi (207-729-3688) provides rides locally and between Brunswick and Portland. In addition, BSG sponsors your taxi ride on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (10 p.m.-1:30 a.m.) within a one-mile radius of campus (no charge).

- **Emergency Transportation**: Bowdoin Security will provide on-campus and in-town transportation for all students with medical emergencies or special needs. Health Services provides taxi vouchers for routine student medical appointments.

- **Yellow Bike Club**: The Bowdoin Yellow Bike Club maintains a fleet of Yellow Bikes that can be found parked at the many bike racks around campus. This is service that allows students to rent bikes for a full semester or year at a low membership fee ($30 for a full year or $20 for a one semester). The membership fee allows you to use these bikes to go where you need and then return them to any bike rack. Additionally, members of the club have full access to the club’s bike repair hours.

- **Ride Share Board**: Find other Bowdoin students who are going where you want to go on the [Rideboard](http://www.bowdoin.edu/rideshare)

- **Bus and Train**: Concord Coach Lines [http://www.concordcoachlines.com](http://www.concordcoachlines.com) operates a special Bowdoin College stop and takes students to Boston, where they can connect to other destinations and to Logan Airport. There is also an Amtrak station within walking distance of the College. [http://www.amtrakdowneaster.com](http://www.amtrakdowneaster.com)

For more information on Bowdoin’s many alternative transportation options visit the College’s [Sustainability](http://www.bowdoin.edu/sustainability) page.

If you feel that there is an *extraordinary* circumstance that would necessitate having a car on campus, you can appeal in writing to Randy Nichols, Director of Safety and Security at [rnichols@bowdoin.edu](mailto:rnichols@bowdoin.edu). Appeals will be reviewed in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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