

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

In order to ensure a level of service which will serve the students, parents, and citizens of the District in a safe, efficient and cost effective manner, transportation will be afforded to all students, Pre-K-12, as follows:

1. Bus routes, schedules, and stops shall be established under the direction of the Superintendent in cooperation with the District's transportation contractor.
2. In the interest of student safety, all District transportation, travel, and student pickup/drop off will be provided on roads which are regularly maintained on a year round basis by the towns, provided such roads allow for safe travel, passage, and vehicle turnaround.

For those roads which are not regularly maintained on a year round basis by the towns as described in the previous paragraph, requests for service may be granted by the Superintendent as an exception to this policy.

3. Bus stops, particularly in established neighborhoods, will be subject to consolidation where feasible, practical and deemed safe for purposes of reducing the amount of student time spent in transit with any such consolidation to be approved in advance by the Superintendent.
4. In the consolidation of bus stops, no student in grades Pre-K-5 will generally be required to walk in excess of two tenths of a mile (.2 mile) on a public road to or from the nearest designated school bus pickup/drop off point while no student in grades 6-12 will generally be required to walk in excess of five tenths of a mile (.5 mile) on a public road to or from the nearest designated school bus pickup/drop off point.
5. Regular transportation shall be provided for students to and from specific and regular pickup/drop off points as established upon commencement of each school year with any subsequent changes permitted for reasons of relocation; for changes in family, marital and/or employment status; and for those situations which may be approved by the Superintendent as an emergency and/or exception.
6. Students being transported for approved student activities shall be returned to school or a designated location.
7. A late bus route will be established, that may vary from the distances listed in #4 above, to assist parents/guardians by delivering students closer to home. The late bus is not intended to deliver all students to their home.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 5401

Cross Reference: JICC - Student Conduct on School Buses

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