

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The district will provide pupil transportation services consistent with the applicable provisions of RSA 189:8.

General Operating Procedures

Bus routes shall be established by the bus contractor, reviewed by the business administrator, subject to approval by the superintendent.

The bus stops shall be established under the direction of the superintendent in cooperation with the bus contractor. The bus contractor will not permit his/her drivers to load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

When the situation arises as to whether a bus should enter a non-main thoroughfare, the following procedures will be followed:

Kindergarten Mid-Day Routing

- For the Greenland and New Castle school districts, effort will be made to provide for bus stops directly in front of the student's house only during midday routing. On morning and afternoon runs, students will adhere to the elementary/junior high procedures.

Elementary/Junior High

Bus routing will utilize main roads whenever possible as previously outlined in this policy.

1. Dead end roads must be at least one-half mile long as measured from the main road to the end before a bus will be allowed to enter. If the street is greater than one-half mile, stops will be established at that point and every quarter mile thereafter. If the dead end road is less than one-half mile total length, the bus will not enter the road and the bus stop will be established as fifty (50) feet back from the intersection of the dead end road and main road. The Superintendent has the discretion to make an exception when it involves safety, does not impact other students, or cause a delay in the bus getting to or from schools.
2. Circles and loops must be at least one mile in total circumference before a bus will enter the loops. Bus stops will be created at the one-half mile mark and then at subsequent quarter mile marks. If total circumference of the loop is less than one mile, the bus will not enter the loop and the bus stop will be established as fifty (50) feet back from the intersection of the loop and the main road. The superintendent has the discretion to make an exception when it involves safety, does not impact other students, or cause a delay in the bus getting to or from schools.



High School

- The routing of the high school bus will be essentially the same from year-to-year or as negotiated between the school district and the bus company.

Resolution of Conflicts

A parent who wishes to request a change or exemption from any of the student transportation procedures shall direct that request first to the building administrator. If the parent is not satisfied by the ruling of the building administrator, he/she may appeal the ruling within five (5) school days to the business administrator. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, he/she may appeal to the superintendent within the next five (5) school day period. Final appeal will be before the school board.

Transportation Limitations

Per RSA 193:12, students who are deemed legal residents of the school district pursuant to a divorce decree or parenting plan developed under RSA 461-A, will not necessarily be provided transportation beyond “designated attendance areas for which the child is assigned”.

Legal References:

RSA 189:6, School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers: Transportation of Pupils

RSA 189:8, School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers: Limitations and Additions

RSA 189:9, School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers: Pupils in Private School

RSA 189:9-a, School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers: Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons

RSA 193:12, Legal Residency Required

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