

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

The District shall provide transportation for pupils to schools in the District consistent with applicable state law, including the provisions of RSA 189:6, RSA 189:8, RSA 189:9, and RSA 189:9-a.

The Transportation Coordinator is hereby designated as the School District Transportation Coordinator; the Transportation Coordinator may be contacted at 603-424-6200.

**General Operating Policy**

Bus routes shall be established by the Superintendent or their designee in cooperation with the pupil transportation contractor, subject to review by the Board. Routes will be developed annually and posted. The Superintendent or designee may modify approved routes, stops, and/or schedules during the school year if conditions warrant such a modification.

Bus stops will be established in accord with RSA 189:8. Approved bus stops shall be located at safe and appropriate intervals in places where students may be loaded and unloaded. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

Pupils attending private schools up to and including the twelfth grade shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within the District as are provided for pupils in public school within the District. Likewise, for students residing within the District and attending chartered public schools within the District, transportation shall be provided to the chartered public schools by the District on the same terms and conditions as provided for non-chartered public schools in the District and utilizing the same regular bus schedules and routes that are provided to pupils attending non-chartered public schools within the District.

**Student Conduct on School Buses**

Bus drivers have the responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report, in writing, misconduct to the School District Transportation Coordinator and/or the school principal. The School District Transportation Coordinator and/or school principal will have the authority to suspend the riding privileges of students failing to conform to Board rules and regulations. This suspension shall not begin until the next school day following the day notification of suspension is sent to the pupil's parent or legal guardian. The Board must approve suspensions of the right to ride the school bus that continue beyond twenty (20) days.

Any removal of students with disabilities will be in accordance with state and federal laws concerning the discipline of students with disabilities.

In the event a student has been denied the right to ride a school bus for disciplinary reasons, their parent/guardian shall have the right to appeal this suspension to the Superintendent within 10 days

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (continued)**

of the initial discipline decision. Until the appeal is heard, or if the suspension of pupil's right to ride the school bus is upheld, it shall be the parents' or guardians' responsibility to provide transportation to and from school for that pupil for the period of the suspension. Depending on its nature and severity, student misconduct on school buses may also constitute grounds for additional forms of discipline which would be governed by Board Policy JICD.

**Instruction on School Bus Safety**

The Superintendent or their designee is directed to implement procedures ensuring that each school instruct all pupils, who are transported by the district as provided in RSA 189:6, in the following:

1. School bus safety
2. The evacuation procedure for buses in emergency situations
3. Any other matters regarding the safety of pupils being transported to school

**Legal References:**

RSA 189:6, Transportation of Pupils

RSA 189:6-a, School Bus Safety

RSA 189:8, Limitations and Additions

RSA 189:9, Pupils in Private Schools

RSA 189:9-a, Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons

RSA 194-B:2, Chartered Public Schools; Establishment, Parental Choice; Admission

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: May 21, 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Review: June 4, 2007

Adopted: June 18, 2007

**Policy Revision**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: June 19, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Review: July 10, 2023

Revised: August 14, 2023