MERRIMACK SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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

General Operating Policy

Bus routes shall be established by the Superintendent, subject to review by the Board. Routes will be developed annually and posted. Pupils attending private schools shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within the District as are provided for pupils in public school. Bus stops shall be established and authorized under the direction of the Superintendent. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

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. Parents of children whose conduct on school buses endangers the health, safety and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of school bus riding privileges in accordance with the student discipline code. The Board must approve suspensions of the right to ride the school bus that continue beyond twenty (20) days.

Resolution of Conflicts

Parents who wish to request a change or exemption from any of the Student Transportation policies shall direct that request to the School District Transportation Coordinator. If the School District Transportation Coordinator's ruling does not satisfy the parent, he/she may appeal the ruling within five days to the School Business Administrator. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, he/she may appeal to the Superintendent within the next five-day period. As a last appeal, the parent may request to appear before the Board's Transportation Committee.

Legal References:

RSA 189:6, Transportation of Pupils RSA 189:8, Limitations and Additions RSA 189:9, Pupils in Private Schools RSA 189:9-a, Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons RSA 200:40, Emergency Care

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