

Concord School District Policy #711

Student Transportation Services

The District will provide student transportation services consistent with applicable law.

General Operating Policy

The District Transportation Director shall establish bus routes. Routes will be developed annually and communicated to parents. Students who attend chartered public schools within the District and students who attend private schools within the District shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within the District as are provided for students in public school. Bus stops shall be established under the direction of the Transportation Director. Drivers may not load or unload students at other than authorized bus stops.

Student Eligibility

Grade K-5 students residing 1 mile or more from their schools, grade 6-8 students residing 1.5 miles or more from their schools and, subject to a fee established by the School Board, grade 9-12 students residing 2 miles or more from their schools, are entitled to District transportation. Temporary permits may be issued to additional students if bus space is available and the bus schedule allows. Students entitled to transportation may be required to walk a distance not exceeding 1.5 miles to an established school bus stop.

Per RSA 193:12, students who are deemed legal residents of the District pursuant to a divorce decree or parenting plan developed under RSA 461-A will not necessarily be provided transportation under this provision and under corresponding law. The Superintendent or designee will make all determinations as to whether transportation will be provided in such circumstances. The Superintendent or designee's decision will be final.

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 Transportation Director or designee. 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 Transportation Director or designee will have the authority to suspend the riding privileges of students failing to conform to bus rules and regulations. The Superintendent must approve suspensions of riding privileges 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 Transportation Director. If the Transportation Director's ruling does not satisfy the parent, he/she may appeal the ruling within five days to the Superintendent. As a last appeal, the parent may request to appear before the Board's Communication and Policy 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 193:12, Legal Residency Required

RSA 194-B:2, V, Chartered Public Schools; Establishment

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Corresponds to NHSBA policy EEA. See also Appendices EEA-R and JICC-R