
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The School Committee will provide transportation for all K-8 students living beyond a reasonable walking distance from their school as determined by the Superintendent. The School Committee may provide transportation for Traip Academy students.

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 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. Bus stops will be located so as to load and unload students with the most safety allowed by road conditions. If possible, students will be loaded and unloaded so that it is not necessary for them to cross a main highway to reach their homes.
2. 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.
3. Regular transportation will be provided for students to and from specific and regular pickup/drop-off points as established upon the commencement of school each year. Changes for individual students will be 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.
4. At the discretion of the contractor or school department, video recording may be used to monitor conditions on any bus in use under the transportation contract.

Exceptions to the above shall be made by the Superintendent for the following reasons only:

- A. Disability:
Exceptions will be made only in the case of temporary or permanent disability.
- B. Kindergarten Students:
Kindergarten bus service will include pick-up and delivery as close as possible to the home, providing a suitable bus turn is available.
- C. Hazardous Walking Conditions:
Hazardous walking conditions shall be defined as those which would place a child of a given age in a situation of greater than normal or average danger.

Requests for bus stops, inconsistent with this policy must be made in writing and submitted to the superintendent

Legal Reference: Title 20A MRSA, Section 5401
Cross Reference: Transportation Handbook

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