

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

### **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 under the direction of the Superintendent. A bus stop so established will be designated as authorized when the School Board has approved its designation as such. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

Only those pupils who meet eligibility requirements by means of residence and membership will be permitted to use school bus transportation for the purpose of travel to and from school.

Buses carrying school children will be considered as extensions of the school situation, and any pupil whose conduct on a school bus is improper or jeopardizes the safety of other pupils may be suspended **from the bus** as outlined in Policy JFCC. Uniform rules of conduct and disciplinary measures will be enforced.

### **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. Video cameras may be used on buses to support the bus driver's reports of unacceptable conduct. The Transportation Director will have the authority, delegated by the Superintendent, 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 SAU Transportation Director. If the SAU Transportation Director'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 which will be formed on an as-needed basis.

**Legal References:**

*RSA 189:6, Transportation of Pupils*

*RSA 189:6a School Bus Safety*

*RSA 189:6b Transportation Between Schools and Before and After-School Programs*

*RSA 189:8, Limitations and Additions*

*RSA 189:9, Pupils in Private schools*

*RSA 189:9a, Pupils prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons*

*RSA 200:40, Emergency Care*

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