

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The District will provide pupil transportation services consistent with applicable State law. Per RSA 193:12, students who are deemed residents for school attendance purposes of the school district pursuant to a divorce decree or parenting plan developed under RSA 461-A will not be provided transportation beyond the geographical limits of the Londonderry School District.

General Operating Policy

The Business Administrator with assistance from the Transportation Coordinator shall establish the school district bus routes. Bus routes will be developed annually and posted in accordance with Policy EEA-R. Pupils attending private schools located within the district 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 Business Administrator. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

Student Conduct on School Buses

For their safety, students while on school buses and while entering and exiting are required to obey the directions of the driver and to exhibit reasonably quiet and orderly conduct. Parents are responsible for supervision until students enter the bus in the morning and after the students exit the bus at the regular stops at the close of the school day.

Examples of Unacceptable Conduct:

1. Striking, shoving, tripping or restraining any person on the bus
2. Hurling objects of any kind on the bus or from the bus
3. Igniting any flame or causing smoke or noxious fumes
4. Standing or changing seats while the bus is in motion
5. Using any drug, including alcohol and tobacco
6. Causing loud noises or disturbances that could distract the driver's attention from the road
7. Stealing or damaging property
8. Disobeying directions of the driver (or monitor)

Dismissal from the Bus:

Students whose conduct on a school bus is unacceptable may be denied the use of bus transportation by the Principal or Superintendent as per New Hampshire RSA 189:9-A. In this event, it is the parents' responsibility to see that the child is transported to and from school since **DISMISSAL FROM THE BUS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL**. Generally the first offense will result in a warning,* the second in dismissal for 3 days, the third for 20 days and the fourth for remainder of that school year. ("But in circumstances which constitute a safety hazard, dismissal will be immediate with parent notification).

Bus Driver:

It shall be the responsibility of the bus driver to report promptly any unacceptable conduct for appropriate action by the Principal or Superintendent. A school bus driver does not have the authority to remove elementary students from a bus except at the child's bus stop or by returning the child to the school and leaving him in the custody of the Principal. If a bus driver is forced to remove a secondary student for dangerous conduct, the driver shall forthwith report that fact with all supporting detail. If a bus driver removes any students under any other circumstances, he and his employer assume the full responsibility and liability for such action. All buses are equipped with video and audio equipment. SAU officials, building principals may request a copy of the video in order to assess the situation and make appropriate decisions in regard to possible discipline and or suspension from transportation services.

Resolution of Conflicts

Parents who wish to request a change or exemption from any of the Student Transportation policies must follow the procedures outlined in EEA-R Operation of the School Bus System, paragraph H.

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 Appendix: EEA-R

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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