

## Raymond School District Policy - EEA

### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Consistent with RSA 189:6, 189:8 and 189:9 transportation at the School District's expense will be provided for K-8 students who live more than one (1) mile from the school that they are required to attend, except as provided below. If, in the opinion of the School Board, the road is unreasonably hazardous relative to the age of the students concerned, a student living less than one (1) mile from his/her school may be transported at the School District's expense.

Per RSA 193:12, students who are deemed legal residents of the School District pursuant to a divorce decree or parenting plan developed under RSA 461-A will not necessarily be provided for students admitted 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.

Parents have the responsibility of providing transportation for their children when their children are involved in the following:

1. Participation in activities that extend beyond the normal school day
2. Student activities that are held at other than normal school hours
3. Detention after normal school hours for disciplinary reasons.

With regard to Item 3 above, pertaining to students in grades K through 8, if parents do not provide transportation, the school administration may send the student home at parental expense.

NOTE: The school staff is responsible for providing at least 24 hours notification to the parents, in a manner to be determined by the school administration, of those students who will be detained beyond normal school hours.

Non-resident students who attend one of the public schools in Raymond may ride on Raymond's school buses under the following conditions:

1. The bus must not be overloaded.
2. The bus must not deviate from its regular route.
3. The non-resident student's parent is responsible for dropping student at a recognized bus stop.
4. The non-resident student's parent must pay a fee equal to the annual cost per student for resident students to ride the bus as determined annually by the School Board.

The School Board can discontinue providing bus service to non-residents at any time.

### **General Operating Policy**

The Superintendent, subject to review by the Board, shall establish bus routes. Routes will be developed annually and posted. Pupils who attend chartered public schools within the district and pupils who attend 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.

### **Student Conduct on School Buses**

Regulations for students riding school buses are printed in the Raymond Transportation Handbook.

The bus driver will have responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report misconduct to the student's Principal in writing. Video/audio cameras may be used on buses to support the bus drivers' reports of unacceptable conduct (refer to policy ECAF). In cases of misconduct, the School Principal will have the authority delegated by the Superintendent to suspend the riding privileges of students or take other appropriate action. Parents of children whose pattern of behavior and 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. Suspensions to continue beyond twenty (20) days must be approved by the Board (RSA 189:9a).

### **Resolution of Conflicts**

A parent who wishes to request a change or exemption from any of the Student Transportation policies shall direct that request first to the School Board's Transportation Committee. If the parent is not satisfied by the ruling of the Transportation Committee, he or she may appeal the ruling to the Superintendent within five (5) business days. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, he or she may appeal to the Raymond School Board, whose decision will be final.

Statutory Reference:

RSA 189:6

RSA 189:8

RSA 189:9

RSA 189:9a

RSA 200:40

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