

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

A. General Policy, Transportation Coordinator and Determination of Residency.

The District will make available transportation services to all regular education resident students grades K-12 who live at least 2 miles from their assigned school.

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, will fulfill the duties of Transportation Coordinator as described in this and other applicable Board policies.

Residency is determined under RSA 193:12. For children with parents/guardians residing in separate households, residency will be determined pursuant to RSA 193:12, I (a)(2) and, when applicable, parenting plans established under RSA 461-A. In such circumstances, the District is not required to provide transportation beyond the designated attendance area for the school to which the child is assigned, or beyond the geographical limits of the school district in which the child resides. Parents/guardians in such circumstances should contact the Superintendent's office with any questions or requests for special accommodations.

Pupils who attend chartered public or non-public schools shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within the District as are provided for pupils in public school using the same routes and termination points as are established for students attending the District's schools. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

The District shall also provide transportation to, and pay transportation costs for, all students who reside in the District and attend a regional career and technical education center, or who attend an alternative program at a regional career and technical education center or other comprehensive high school. The Superintendent is responsible for recovering such transportation costs per RSA 188-E:8.

B. Establishment and Appeal of Routes, Schedules and Stops

The Transportation Coordinator will establish bus routes, schedules and stops pursuant to Board policy EEA-R. Routes will be developed annually and posted.

Parents who wish to request a change or exemption from any of the Board transportation policies, including bus routes or bus stops, may engage in the request and appeal process detailed in Policy EEA-R.

C. Authorized Transportation Providers

The District authorizes students to be transported to school or school activities via school bus drivers, and to school activities via contracted carriers. See Policy EEAE for details.

All other authorized transportation of students must be in accordance with Policy EEAB.

D. 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 student's Principal.

Student conduct while on District transportation is regulated in accordance with Board policy JICC, and any District or school rules implementing the same.

Students who violate regulations for student conduct within those policies may have bus riding privileges suspended. Such suspensions are in addition to other interventions or disciplinary consequences provided under such other applicable Board policies and District or school rules and regulations. Parents/guardians may appeal transportation suspensions per Board policy JICC.

~~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

Legal References:

RSA 188-E:8, Career and Technical Education; Transportation
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
RSA 376:2, VII, Motor Carriage of Passengers
RSA 461-A, Parental Rights and Responsibilities

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