

AMHERST, MONT VERNON, and SOUHEGAN Policy

EEA - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

General Operating Policy

- A. The District shall provide transportation for pupils to schools in the District consistent with provisions of RSA 188-E:8, RSA 189:6, RSA 189:8, RSA 189:9, RSA 189:9-a, and RSA 189:9-a.
- B. Bus routes and stops shall be established by the Superintendent or their designee.
- C. Routes will be developed annually and posted.
- D. Drivers may not load or unload pupils other than at authorized bus stops.

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. Video cameras may be used on buses to support the bus driver's reports of unacceptable conduct. The school principal will have the authority, delegated by the Superintendent, to suspend the riding privileges of students failing to conform to Board rules and regulations. Parents/guardians 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 parent-student handbook. The Board must approve suspensions of the right to ride the school bus that continue beyond twenty consecutive days.

Resolution of Conflicts

Questions or concerns regarding the routes or bus stops, should be raised with the Business Administrator. If the Building Administrator's ruling does not satisfy the parent/guardian, they may appeal the ruling within five school days to the Superintendent or their designee. If the parent/guardian is again not satisfied by the ruling, an appeal must be submitted to the SAU39 Board within five school days.

For other issues, parents/guardians who wish to request a change or exemption from any of the Student Transportation policies shall direct that request to the Building Administrator. If the Building Administrator's ruling does not satisfy the parent/guardian, they may appeal the ruling within five school days to the Superintendent or their designee. If the parent/guardian is again not satisfied by the ruling, an appeal must be submitted to the Board within five school days.

Legal References:

*RSA 189:6, Transportation of Pupils 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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