

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board will provide transportation for all students living beyond a reasonable distance from their school or from a scheduled bus stop as the Board has determined. This distance is defined as up to ½ mile to school or a designated bus stop for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade and 1 mile for students in grades 7-12.

Distance shall be measured by the shortest public road from the student's residence to the designated bus stop or school door. In cases questioned, distance will be measured and established by the Superintendent.

Exceptions to the above distance shall be made for the following reasons only

A. Health

Exceptions to established walking distances may be made for students with disabilities, as required by their IEP, Individual Health Plan or 504 Accommodation Plan. Exceptions may also be made to accommodate a student's need for transportation, with written documentation from the student's physician.

B. Pre-kindergarten Students

Pre-kindergarten bus service will include pick-up and delivery to the home for mid-day runs, providing a suitable bus turnaround is available.

C. Hazardous Walking Conditions

Hazardous walking conditions shall be defined as those which would place a child of a given age in a situation of greater than normal or average danger, including situations where the speed limit is 45 mph or higher.

Authorized bus stops will be located so as to load and unload students with the most safety allowed by road conditions. The distance between stops may vary according to safety factors. If possible, students will be loaded and unloaded so that it is not necessary for them to cross a main highway to reach their homes.

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Requests for bus stops, inconsistent with this policy must be made in writing and submitted to the Superintendent by September 15th. The Superintendent shall assume responsibility for administering this policy.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 5401

Cross Reference: JICC - Student Conduct on School Buses

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