

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The district shall provide transportation for pupils to schools in the District consistent with provisions of RSA 189:6 Transportation of Students and RSA 189:9-a Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons.

Students in grades Kindergarten to grade 5, living 0.6 of a mile, or more from their respective school will be transported free of charge.

Students in grades 6-8, living 1.0 mile, or more from their respective school will be transported free of charge.

Berlin students in grades 9-12 will have paid busing available to them on a first-come, first-serve basis as space is available on the buses.

Generally, if space is available, a paid busing program for all students not eligible for free transportation will be instituted. This program will not start until school officials have had a chance to determine bus loads and availability of space.

General Operating Policy

The Transportation Coordinator, subject to review by the Superintendent, shall establish bus routes. Routes will be developed annually and posted. Pupils attending 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. Drivers may only load or unload pupils at authorized bus stops.

Students 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. Parents 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 student discipline code. The school Principal will have the authority to suspend the riding privileges of students failing to conform to bus rules and regulations. The Board must approve suspensions of riding privileges that continue beyond twenty (20) days.

Resolution of Conflicts

Parents who wish to request a change or exemption from any of the Student Transportation policies shall direct that request to the SAU Transportation Coordinator. If the SAU Transportation Coordinator's ruling does not satisfy the parent, he/she may appeal the ruling within five days to the Superintendent. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, he/she may appeal to the Berlin Board of Education within the next five-day period.

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