

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	Policy Code: EEA
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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Oyster River Cooperative School District will provide pupil transportation services consistent with applicable law.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Parent/Guardian is responsible for student until the student embarks and after the student disembarks from the school vehicle.

The principal of the school has complete authority over students from the time they board a school vehicle until they leave the school vehicle for home. The responsibility of the principal for the safety and discipline of the students is delegated to the transportation director and thence to the school vehicle driver when students are on the school vehicle, loading or unloading.

TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR:

The transportation director will function within established board policies pertaining to all aspects of pupil transportation. The transportation director will work with and be responsible directly to the business administrator. The principal will work closely with appropriate staff to ensure safety and discipline of the student is maintained.

If deemed advisable by the transportation director and approved by the School Board, some students may be required to walk distances beyond those specified, but within the maximum distances allowed by RSA 189:6 and 189:8. Pupils residing in areas which are inaccessible by a local school district's established mode of transportation may be required to walk a distance not to exceed one and one-half miles to a school vehicle stop.

Alternative transportation may be arranged for children living in remote areas if deemed advisable by the transportation director and approved by the School Board.

The transportation director will establish regulations for school vehicle riders which will be included in each school's student/parent handbook distributed at the beginning of each school year.

The transportation director will develop and supervise a student training program. At the beginning of each school year each pupil who is transported to school in a vehicle shall be instructed in safe riding practices by the bus driver and twice a year shall participate in emergency evacuation drills.

Transportation privileges may be suspended for failure to conform to school bus rules. A procedure for suspension will be developed by the transportation director and made part of transportation regulations.

The transportation director is authorized to hire, train, and supervise school bus drivers.

ELIGIBILITY:

All students in K-4 living more than one mile from school shall be transported to school.

All students in grades 5-12 living more than one and one-half miles from school shall be transported to school.

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Students living less than the above distances from a school may be transported to school if, in the judgment of the transportation director, conditions warrant it.

Tuition pupils attending Oyster River schools may be transported to school for a fee, to be approved by the Board, providing that no extra mileage or time is involved.

ROUTES AND SCHOOL VEHICLE STOPS:

The transportation director is responsible for establishing school vehicle routes, school vehicle stops, assigning pupils to school vehicles, and for publicizing the routes with approximate time schedule.

Students in grades K-4 may be required to walk up to a mile along public roads to a school vehicle stop.

Students in grades 5-12 may be required to walk up to one and one-half miles along public roads to a school vehicle stop.

K –4 SCHOOL BUS DROP OFF PROTOCOL

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Bus Drivers will not drop off any Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade students without the presence of a responsible person as identified by the parent or legal guardian to receive him/her at the bus stop.

3rd and 4th Grade

Third and fourth grade parents or legal guardians who wish to allow the District to drop off their 3rd or 4th grader without the presence of an adult may do so but must complete Form EEA-R and it must be on file at the Transportation Department.

If there is no form and if the responsible party is not there, the bus driver must keep the child on the bus and notify the Transportation office. The driver will bring the student back to the school or transportation office and the Transportation Office will call the school to inform them of a student being returned. A call will be made to the home of the student to leave a message for the parents/guardians.

EDUCATIONALLY DISABLED:

Educationally disabled students will be furnished suitable transportation if warranted by the student's individual education plan.

Educationally disabled students placed in out of district programs will be furnished suitable transportation from home to program.

APPEALS:

Parents may appeal decisions affecting their child's transportation. An appeals procedure will be part of transportation regulations.

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Legal Reference: RSA 193:12

RSA 189:6 & :8 & :13(a)

RSA 200:37 Medical Examination of School Bus Drivers

RSA 263:29 School Bus Driver's Certificate

49 C.F.R Part 40.1-40.13 (2001) Transportation Workplace Drug Testing Program

49 C.F.R. Part 391 Qualifications of CDL Drivers

Saf-c 1300 School Transportation Rules part Saf-c 1304.01 & 1305.03(a)

Cross Reference: JFCC – Student Conduct on School Buses

EEA – Student Transportation Services

ECAF – Audio & Video Surveillance on School Buses

GBCD – Background Investigations and Criminal Checks

JLCF – Student Wellness

EEA-R – Transportation Release Form