

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Transportation shall be provided for all students living beyond the walking distances as established by the Biddeford School Committee. These distances are measured by the VersaTran Program. Transportation shall be provided for all students and others as prescribed by law or deemed advisable by the School Committee.

The transportation guidelines are listed below.

- A. Students will be transported to and from the same bus stop daily. Use of alternate bus stop locations is not allowed.
- B. Early childhood, kindergarten and students in grades 1, 2 and 3 shall be bused and shall walk no more than one-half mile to their school or bus stop.
- C. Students in grades 4 and 5 shall walk no more than one mile to their school or bus stop.
- D. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 shall walk no more than one and one-quarter miles to their school or bus stop.
- E. Students in grades 9-12 shall walk no more than one and one-half miles to their school or bus stop.
- F. The Superintendent/designee shall notify the city police and highway departments of the roads used by walkers. The Superintendent/ designee shall work in cooperation with city officials to establish safety measures such as controlling highway speeds, keeping roads clear, and providing crossing guards, as appropriate.
- G. Stops will be chosen with consideration for the number and safety of students involved.
- H. Bus drivers shall pick up and drop off students only at scheduled stops. Drivers shall not exceed the legal carrying capacity of the bus, and the bus driver shall not admit students not assigned to the particular bus route.
- I. Students may only ride on assigned buses. Students shall not be permitted to disembark at other than their normal stop.

Exceptions to this policy may be made if it is determined to be in the best interest of a student or the school unit. Requests for exceptions must be made through the Director of Transportation to the Superintendent. Appeals of the Superintendent's decision should be made in writing to the Transportation Committee. The final authority for all appeals rests with the School Committee.

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