

Pittsfield School District

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The district will provide student transportation services consistent with applicable law.

Per RSA 193:12, students who are deemed legal residents of the school district pursuant to a divorce decree or parenting plan developed under RSA 461-A will not necessarily be provided with transportation under this provision and under corresponding law. The superintendent or designee will make all determinations as to whether transportation will be provided in such circumstances. The superintendent or designee's decision will be final.

General Operating Policy. The superintendent, subject to review by the Board, shall approve bus routes. Students attending chartered public schools within the district and attending private schools shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within the district as are provided for students in the district's schools. Bus stops shall be approved by the superintendent. Drivers may not load or unload students at other than approved 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 dean of operations. 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 dean of operations 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 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 dean of operations. If the superintendent'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 Board.

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