

TRANSPORTATION

I. POLICY STATEMENT:

A) Bus Transportation To and From School

St. Johnsbury School Board shall authorize a private bus contractor to provide necessary transportation to public school pupils enrolled in grades Pre-K-8. The contractor shall establish bus routes to be reviewed and approved annually by the school board. In general, students in grades 5 – 8 bounded by the Passumpsic River and the Sleeper River shall not be provided bus transportation. Any exceptions will need to be approved by the Superintendent of Schools. Bus routes shall be published in the newspaper prior to the opening of school. Any person requesting a change to existing routes should contact the bus coordinator first. If the request is denied, said person may appeal to the Superintendent of Schools. If the appeal is denied, a final appeal may be made to the School Board.

B) Bus Discipline

Riding a school bus is a privilege maintained through good behavior. Inappropriate behavior or failure to abide by bus safety rules will result in disciplinary action. Discipline should be a cooperative effort between the bus driver, the school principal, and the parent. Bus discipline rules and procedures shall be established in a cooperative manner between school administration and the private bus company (see Appendix).

C) Bus Stops

The contractor shall base bus stops on the potential danger to students and the actual distance from school.

D) High School Students

No transportation shall be provided for high school students unless specifically identified in a student's IEP (Individualized Education Plan).

E) Pre-School Students

When pre-school students are transported, the bus company shall provide one adult (in addition to the driver) if the number of pre-school students exceeds 10.

F) Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles

Transportation of students in private vehicles to and from school events is not permitted. However, under special circumstances, employees of the District, or other individuals, may be authorized to act as agents of the School District to use privately owned, insured vehicles to transport students for school purposes. These drivers will be required to sign a form to be provided by the School District stating that they have valid drivers' licenses and that their vehicles are insured. Parent/Guardians of said students will be required to sign a consent form.

DATE WARNED: **AUGUST 22, 1997**
DATE ADOPTED: **SEPTEMBER 8, 1997**
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