

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

EEA – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Category: Recommended

The District shall provide transportation for pupils to schools in the District consistent with applicable law including provisions of RSA 189:6 and 189:9 provided they live one mile or more from the school.

Per RSA 193:12, students who are deemed legal residents of the District pursuant to a divorce decree or parenting plan developed under RSA 461-A will not necessarily be provided for students admitted 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

- A. The Superintendent, subject to review by the Board, shall ensure the transportation company establishes and posts bus routes annually.
- B. Pupils who attend chartered public schools within the district and pupils who attend private schools shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within the District as are provided for pupils in public school.
- C. Bus stops shall be established under the direction of the transportation company. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

Student Conduct on School Buses

The bus driver will have responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report misconduct to the student's school administrator in writing. Video cameras may be used on buses to support the bus driver's reports of unacceptable conduct. The school administrator will have the authority delegated by the Superintendent to suspend the riding privileges of students who are disciplinary problems on the bus by failing to conform with the policies of the Board. Parents of children whose pattern of behavior and conduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, or 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. Suspensions to continue beyond twenty (20) days must be approved by the Board (RSA 189:9a).

Resolution of Conflicts

A parent who wishes to request a change or exemption from any of the Student Transportation policies shall direct that request first to the SAU Transportation Coordinator. If the parent is not satisfied by the ruling of the SAU Transportation Coordinator, he or she may appeal the ruling within five days to the School Business Administrator. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, he or she may appeal to the Superintendent within the next five-day period. The School Board must approve any suspension beyond 20 school days.

Appendix: JICC-R

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District Policy History:

Adopted: June 07, 2006

Revised: April 21, 2021

Legal References:

RSA 189:6, Transportation of Pupils

RSA 189:8, Limitations and Additions

RSA 189:9, Pupils in Private Schools

RSA 189:9-a, Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons

RSA 193:12, Legal Residency Required

RSA 194-B:2, V, Chartered Public Schools; Establishment