

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT No. 67

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The R.S.U. No. 67 Board of Directors will provide transportation for all students living beyond a reasonable distance from their school or from a scheduled bus stop as the Board has determined. This distance is defined as one mile.

Distance shall be measured by the shortest public road from the residence to the bus stop or school door. In cases questioned, distance will be measured and established by the Superintendent.

Exceptions to the above distance shall be made for the following reasons only:

- A. **Health.** Exceptions to established walking distances may be made for students with disabilities as required by their IEP. Exceptions may also be made to accommodate a student's need for transportation with written documentation from the student's physician.
- B. **Four Year Old Program Students.** Four Year Old Program bus service will include pick-up and delivery to the home, providing a suitable bus turn is available.
- C. **Hazardous Walking Conditions.** Hazardous walking conditions shall be defined as those which would place a child of a given age in a situation of greater than normal or average danger.

Authorized bus stops will be located so as to load and unload students with the most safety allowed by road conditions. The distance between stops may vary according to safety factors. If possible, students will be loaded and unloaded so that it is not necessary for them to cross a main highway to reach their homes.

Stations and routes will be established by the superintendent with reference to road conditions, student convenience, safety, and economy of operation. Stations and routes are subject to change as the conditions warrant, due notice being given.

The Superintendent may develop guidelines and/or procedures to address requests related to bus routes, bus stops, and bus transfers.

Requests that are inconsistent with this policy or with administrative procedure must be made in writing and submitted to the Superintendent. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

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Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 5401

Cross Reference: JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses
EEA-R – Bus Transfers

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