

## **AMHERST Policy**

### **EEA - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

The District shall provide transportation for pupils to schools in the District consistent with provisions of RSA 189:6, RSA 189:9, and RSA 189:9-a.

#### **General Operating Policy**

- A. Bus routes shall be established by the Superintendent, subject to review by the Board. Routes will be developed annually and posted.
- B. Pupils attending approved private schools, up to and including the twelfth grade, shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within any town or district as are provided for pupils in public schools.
- C. Bus stops shall be established under the direction of the Superintendent. A bus stop so established will be designated as authorized when the School Board has approved its designation as such. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized 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 student's Principal. Video cameras may be used on buses to support the bus driver's reports of unacceptable conduct. The school principal will have the authority, delegated by the Superintendent, to suspend the riding privileges of students failing to conform to Board rules and regulations. 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 Board must approve suspensions of the right to ride the school bus that continue beyond twenty (20) 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 Building Principal. If the Building Principal's ruling does not satisfy the parent, he/she may appeal the ruling within five school days to the School Business Administrator. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, he/she may appeal to the Superintendent within the next five-day period. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, within the next five-day period the parent may request to appear before the five member Transportation Committee appointed by the School Board. Appeals of the Transportation Committee's decisions and rulings must be submitted to the School Board within five school days.

**Legal References:**

*RSA 189:6, Transportation of Pupils*

*RSA 189:8, Limitations and Additions*

*RSA 189:9, Pupils in Private schools*

*RSA 189:9a, Pupils prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons*

*RSA 200:40, Emergency Care*

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