

Student Transportation Services

The safety and welfare of student riders will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions will include the following

1. To furnish transportation to those pupils whose health or distance from school make this service essential.
2. To provide safe school bus transportation.
3. To operate our school transportation system as efficiently and economically as possible.
4. To adopt and maintain a system flexible enough to meet the requirements of and to partake in the full educational program.
5. To maintain conditions on the buses which are to the best interests of the pupils from a mental, moral, and physical consideration.
6. To promote a sympathetic understanding by the public of the entire transportation program including safety, efficiency, and high standards in service.

The School Committees first concern is with providing the safest mode of transportation for the districts students. Next in importance to the safety of the pupils is efficiency in service and punctuality during operation. Therefore, in order to properly carry out the policies of the School Committee, cooperation must be had on the part of the bus contractor, the school administrators, the drivers, the pupils, and their parents/guardians.

The School Committee, in addition to state statutes governing school bus operation, those of the Department of Public Utilities, and the Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicles, has set up operational rules and regulations. All parties concerned should be familiar with these rules and regulations.

Transportation of pupils will not be authorized until approval has been obtained from the Superintendent of schools.

The School Committee may make exceptions to the above policy when it deems this action in the best interest of the students and the town.

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