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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

1. Bus routes shall be established by the Superintendent or Designee, subject to review by the Transportation Contractor. Routes shall not include roads not accepted by District towns and shall be designed to traverse on main roads as much as possible to remain efficient. Consideration for routes to include side road and/or cul-de-sacs will be determined when the distance from a student's residence is more than five-tenths of a mile from the main road for elementary level or over one mile for secondary level. Buses are not required to travel on roads considered unsafe due to road conditions or safety hazards.
2. Authorized bus stops shall be located at convenient intervals along routes where students may load or unload, cross highways, and await arrival of buses. Safety of students shall be the underlying factor when routes and stops are designed; however, it will be the parent's/guardian's responsibility to be with their student to ensure their safety while waiting or disembarking at bus stops.
3. The full capacity standard of a bus will be used with distribution divided as evenly as possible between all routes for each elementary school or for individual towns for secondary schools. New routes will be established only when full capacity of existing routes has been reached or is imminent.
4. Students may enter or exit a bus only at their designated bus stop. Exceptions must be accompanied by a school-issued bus pass.
5. Kindergarten and first grade students will not be dropped off at a bus stop without appropriate supervision. There are no exceptions; students will be returned to their school at the end of the bus route to be picked by their parent/guardian.
6. Walkers: students in grades one and two may be required to walk up to one-half mile to school or a designated bus stop. Students in grade three or above may be required to walk up to one mile to school or to a designated bus stop. Transportation may not be considered for any student residing less than one-half mile from school, unless their residence is located on a numbered state highway or if their route to school is considered by the administration.