

# **NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION COMMON BOARD POLICY MANUAL**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **I.01 SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION**

#### **I. Policy**

Where it is reasonable and necessary to enable a student entitled or required to attend an elementary or a secondary school operated by the District, the District may furnish transportation on public roads to students who reside within the District, as overseen by NCSU. The district may provide transportation to non-resident students as authorized by the school board. Accordingly, the North Country Supervisory Union and member School Districts have decided to furnish transportation under this policy.

The superintendent designates principals to establish routes and determine stops after considering both the safety of children and efficiency of operation. Principals will consider the following factors when determining routes and stops.

- A. The age and health of pupils;
- B. Distance to be traveled;
- C. Type of highway and condition of the road, including, road surface, width of road, and visibility;
- D. Safe bus turnarounds where needed;
- E. Pedestrian and automobile traffic;
- F. Road construction;
- G. Size and weight of school bus being used.

In the event of an appeal of a Principal's decision regarding routes and stops, the superintendent may consider any other factors, in addition to those mentioned above, he or she deems appropriate when establishing routes and designated stops. The superintendent or designee shall consider the advice of state and local transportation officials in determining road safety.

#### **II. Transportation from Home to School and School to Home**

- A. Students in each respective school are permitted to ride the bus from home to school and from school to home. Persons who are not enrolled students with the school may not ride on school buses unless they have prior permission of the school principal.
- B. Students will not be picked up or discharged at any place other than their regular stop without parental consent and then only if given permission by the principal. Students may be expected to walk reasonable distances with due consideration of the age of the student and potential safety hazards.
- C. Parent, guardian, or identified responsible person designated by the parent or guardian must be at the bus stop for grades K-3 or other identified students at drop off times. If this person is not present the child will be returned to school.

#### **III. Student Behavior**

School bus transportation is a privilege which may be denied for good and sufficient reason. School principals will establish uniform rules and expectations as necessary to assure the safe and orderly transportation of students. In the case of inappropriate behavior, a student may be removed from the bus immediately. A student's bus riding privileges may be suspended at the discretion of the school administrator in accordance with established policies and procedures. Schools Boards may determine to use video monitoring devices on busses.

#### IV. Special Services Transportation

Students having special needs may be provided separate transportation in accordance with the approved instructional plan. The Director of Special Services and principals are responsible for collaborating to insure appropriate transportation arrangements. Particular types of vehicles or special equipment will be considered based on the special needs of a student.

The superintendent shall submit to the NCSU Board for approval any contracts, leases or purchases necessary to maintain and operate transportation equipment after a recommendation from individual Districts and shall include in his or her annual report to the board information as to all pupils transported by the school district and the expense thereof.

*Legal Reference(s):* 16 V.S.A. §§1221, 1222, 1224 (Student transportation)  
16 V.S.A. §1551 (Technical center transport)

| Boards        | Adopted    | Revised    | Revised    | Revised    | Revised |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Brighton      | 10/10/2000 | 07/08/2003 | 02/14/2013 | 07/12/2017 |         |
| Charleston    | 10/12/2000 | 07/10/2003 | 02/13/2013 | 07/12/2017 |         |
| Coventry      | 09/06/2000 | 07/10/2003 | 02/20/2013 | 08/16/2017 |         |
| Derby         | 11/20/2000 | 06/30/2003 | 01/28/2013 | 08/01/2017 |         |
| Holland       | 11/13/2000 | 04/13/2004 | 01/28/2013 | 07/11/2017 |         |
| Jay/Westfield | 10/17/2000 | 07/16/2003 | 02/12/2013 | 08/08/2017 |         |
| Lowell        | 07/13/2000 | 08/18/2003 | 02/20/2013 | 07/10/2017 |         |
| Morgan        | 08/10/2000 | 08/14/2003 | 02/07/2013 | 11/09/2018 |         |
| Newport City  | 09/18/2000 | 07/21/2003 | 01/22/2013 | 07/24/2018 |         |
| Newport Town  | 12/18/2000 | 04/14/2004 | 02/13/2013 | 08/03/2017 |         |
| Troy          | 10/17/2000 | 07/21/2003 | 02/13/2013 | 07/13/2017 |         |
| NCUHS         | 09/05/2000 | 06/17/2003 | 02/19/2013 | 08/15/2017 |         |
| NCUJHS        | 09/25/2000 | 09/02/2003 | 02/26/2013 | 08/22/2017 |         |
| NCSU          |            |            | 01/17/2013 | 08/17/2017 |         |