

Transportation Guidelines for the School Transportation of Kindergarten and Preschool Children

Regional School District One is committed to the safety and comfort of children being transported to and from school. Due to their age and size, the transportation of preschool and kindergarten children requires special precautions and practices. To ensure both the safety and comfort of these children, the following guidelines have been developed for implementation throughout the region.

1. A parent or responsible parent designee must accompany kindergarten and preschool children to the pick-up point and assist the child in boarding the bus or vehicle. A parent or their responsible parent designee must be at the drop-off point to assist the child in disembarking the bus if necessary and to ensure that the child is under parent authorized care after school. If a parent wishes to designate another individual to meet the school bus, this must be done in writing through the school principal's office. Emergency (last minute) arrangements or change in the person meeting the school bus must be communicated to the school by telephone.
2. The school bus drivers are instructed not to release kindergarten or preschool children from the school bus unless a parent or designated responsible person is there to receive the child. Children who are retained on the school bus will be returned to school to wait for their parents arranged pickup.
3. Transportation for non-special education eligible preschool children is provided as a courtesy on the school bus serving school-aged children in the area of town in which the child/family resides. Transportation will be provided on a space available basis. Should the bus be full or should the number of school-aged children increase to the extent that all seats are needed, the region reserves the right to deny or discontinue transportation of preschool non-special education eligible children.
4. Consistent with the region's efforts to maintain reasonable time limits for student transportation, transportation of non-special education eligible preschool children will be provided only when the location of that child's residence or other condition does not add excessive length to the bus route.
5. Parent requests for student transportation aboard a school bus may be made in writing. Requests for transportation of non-special education eligible preschool children will be

approved if this service creates no additional cost to the school district. Requests should be made on the attached form and submitted to:

Director of Pupil Services
Regional School District One
246 Warren Turnpike Road
Falls Village, Connecticut 06031
Phone: 860-824-5639

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- 10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education
- 10-220 Duties of boards of education
- 14-275 Equipment and color of school buses
- 14-275a Use of standard school bus required, when.
- 14-275b Transportation of handicapped students.
- 14-275c Regulations re school buses and motor vehicles used to transport special education students.
- 14-276a (c) Town/school district may require its school bus operators to have completed a safety training course.
- 14-280 Letters and signals to be concealed were not used in transporting children. Signs on other vehicles.

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