
WALDEN SCHOOL BOARD POLICY POLICY ON TRANSPORTATION

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The board will furnish transportation to students who are not within one mile of the school and who are along the designated bus route(s). No transportation is furnished to secondary pupils except as is required by State Law for special education students. The school bus driver will hold a valid and current license to drive a school bus in Vermont.

The school bus driver is responsible for the safety of the passengers and has full authority to assign seating arrangements and to see that passengers adhere to school bus safety rules (see attached school bus rules). The driver has the responsibility to see that the bus is inspected as required by law and may authorize minor repairs with the full knowledge and approval of the principal. The driver is responsible for the regular bus maintenance and may not operate the bus at any time conditions are unsafe.

School bus insurance is renewed annually and must be in effect at any time the bus is in operation. A copy of the school policy will be kept at the Town Clerk's office.

The Board will establish routes and designate stops after considering both the safety of children and efficiency of operation. The following factors will be considered when determining routes and stops.

1. The presence or absence of sidewalks or paths off the highway.
2. Width, condition and class of highways, including curves, hills, intersections, turn-arounds, and seasonal road conditions.
3. Density and speed of traffic.
4. Proximity of dwellings, factories, or industrial areas.
5. Physical nature of any area such as presence of woods, ravines or gravel pits.
6. The number of children required to congregate at any designated stop, and supervision available at any designated stop.
7. Health, physical impairment or disabilities of students being transported.
8. Distance traveled on a single route, and the length of time spent on a bus by any given student going to or returning from school.
9. Age and maturity of students transported.

Vermont Education Laws - Title 16 V.S.A. 1073

Legal Pupil Defined: Age limits:

"Legal pupil" means an individual who has attained the age of five years on or before January 1 next following the beginning of the school year. No legal pupil, including a married or pregnant individual, shall be deprived or denied: (1) the opportunity to complete an elementary and secondary public education."

An individual who is not a legal pupil shall not be enrolled in a public school, except for enrollment in an Kindergarten or a program of essential early education, without the consent of the Superintendent.

Legal References: 16 V.S.A. §1221 (4)
16 V.S.A. §1551