

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	Policy Code: EEA
Date of Adoption: April 16, 1987 School Board Adoption: September 22, 2010 School Board First Read: April 2, 2014 Back to Policy: May 14, 2014 School Board Second Read/Adoption: June 4, 2014	Page 1 of 2 Recommended

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Oyster River Cooperative School District will provide pupil transportation services consistent with applicable law.

### RESPONSIBILITY:

Parent/Guardian is responsible for student until the student embarks and disembarks from the school vehicle.

The principal of the school has complete authority over students from the time they board a school vehicle until they leave the school vehicle for home. The responsibility of the principal for the safety and discipline of the students is delegated to the transportation director and thence to the school vehicle driver when students are on the school vehicle, loading or unloading.

### TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR:

The transportation director will function within established board policies pertaining to all aspects of pupil transportation. The transportation director will work with and be responsible directly to the business administrator. The principal will work closely with appropriate staff to ensure safety and discipline of the student is maintained.

If deemed advisable by the transportation director and approved by the School Board, some students may be required to walk distances beyond those specified, but within the maximum distances allowed by RSA 189:6 and 189:8. Pupils residing in areas which are inaccessible by a local school district's established mode of transportation may be required to walk a distance not to exceed one and one-half miles to a school vehicle stop. This exception is generally reserved to the "mud season" or other deficiencies in road construction/ownership. The route must be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Alternative transportation may be arranged for children living in remote areas if deemed advisable by the transportation director and approved by the School Board.

The transportation director will establish regulations for school vehicle riders which will be distributed to students and parents at the beginning of each school year.

The transportation director will develop and supervise a student training program. At least twice during the school year, each pupil who is transported to school in a vehicle shall be instructed in safe riding practices and shall participate in emergency evacuation drills.

Transportation privileges may be suspended for failure to conform to district transportation regulations. A procedure for suspension will be developed by the transportation director and made part of transportation regulations.

The transportation director is authorized to hire, train, supervise, and dismiss school vehicle drivers.

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	Policy Code: EEA
Date of Adoption: April 16, 1987 School Board Adoption: September 22, 2010 School Board First Read: April 2, 2014 Back to Policy: May 14, 2014 School Board Second Read/Adoption: June 4, 2014	Page 2 of 2

*STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (continued)*

**ELIGIBILITY:**

All students in K-4 living more than one mile from school shall be transported to school.

All students in grades 5-12 living more than one and one-half miles from school shall be transported to school.

Students living less than the above distances from a school may be transported to school if, in the judgment of the transportation director, conditions warrant it.

Tuition pupils attending Oyster River schools may be transported to school for a fee, to be approved by the Board, providing that no extra mileage or time is involved.

**ROUTES AND SCHOOL VEHICLE STOPS:**

The transportation director is responsible for establishing school vehicle routes, school vehicle stops, assigning pupils to school vehicles, and for publicizing the routes with approximate time schedule.

Students in grades K-4 may be required to walk up to three-fourth's of a mile along public roads to a school vehicle stop.

Students in grades 5-12 may be required to walk up to one and one-half miles along public roads to a school vehicle stop.

**EDUCATIONALLY DISABLED:**

Educationally disabled students will be furnished suitable transportation if warranted by the student's individual education plan.

Educationally disabled students placed in out of district programs will be furnished suitable transportation from home to program.

**APPEALS:**

Parents may appeal decisions affecting their child's transportation. An appeals procedure will be part of transportation regulations.

Legal Reference: RSA 193:12

Cross Reference: JFCC – Student Conduct on School Buses