

FOSTER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Transportation Policy
For Foster Students Attending
FOSTER-GLOCESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy #3541.2

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the transportation policy for the school district.

Philosophy:

This policy is established in keeping with R.I.G.L. 16-2-9 sub 18 which states that school committees are responsible "to provide transportation services that meet or exceed standards of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education." The School Committee believes that the foundation of any transportation system is efficiency and safety and sets forth its policy in keeping with that belief.

Policy Statement:

A. The Committee shall, through its administrators, arrange the bus routes so as to ensure maximum efficiency without sacrificing safety. Therefore:

1) The maximum distance normally required of a student to reach either a bus stop or a school building within the school district shall not exceed the following, including out of district transportation:

a. Grades 6-12 one (1) mile

whenever distances exceed the maximum, school bus transportation will be provided if such transportation does not endanger the children already on the bus or the equipment of the bus company.

2) No student will be required to cross a highway.

3) Students for whom the district provides out of district transportation may be assigned to a centralized bus stop in order to shorten the time required to complete the route.

B. 1) In compliance with R.I.G.L. 16-21-17 the Foster-Glocester School District will provide school safety instruction for all students in grade six (6). This instruction shall also be given to all students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12). This instruction shall be given no fewer than four (4) times per school year with two (2) taking place during the months of September and October. These sessions shall be scheduled and documented by the principals of each school. These sessions shall be scheduled in conjunction with companies providing transportation services to the district.

2) All Students shall be given a copy of the bus rules and expectations for student behavior. This information is contained in the respective "Student Handbook" of each school. An acknowledgement indicating that the student their parent/guardian have read the handbook must be signed and returned to school.

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