

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

Student Transportation Services

Maine School Administrative District #33 will provide transportation for all students living beyond a reasonable distance from their school or from a scheduled bus stop as the Board determines.

Distance shall be measured by the shortest public road from the residence to the bus stop or school door. In cases questioned, distance will be measured and established by the Superintendent.

Exceptions to the above distance shall be made for the following reasons only:

A. Health

Exceptions to established walking distances may be made for students with disabilities as required by their IEP or Individual Health Plan (504 Plan). Exceptions may also be made to accommodate a student's need for transportation with written documentation from the student's physician.

B. Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten bus service will include pick-up and delivery to the home, providing a suitable bus turn is available.

C. Hazardous Walking Conditions

Hazardous walking conditions shall be defined as those which would place a child of a given age in a situation of greater than normal or average danger.

Authorized bus stops will be located so as to load and unload students with the most safety allowed by road conditions. The distance between stops may vary according to safety factors. If possible, students will be loaded and unloaded so that it is not necessary for them to cross a main highway to reach their homes.

Requests for bus stops, inconsistent with this policy must be made in writing and submitted to the Superintendent.

Maine School Administrative District #33 will transport students only on public highways and roads fully maintained by the town or by the State. Furthermore, buses will travel on public roads only when it is safe to do so, and only when there is a safe and suitable turn-around space available. Student and bus driver safety must be considered in determining whether or not buses will travel on certain roads.

Students will not be picked up or dropped off at babysitters' houses unless the babysitter lives along the regular bus route and no extra mileage is required. Kindergarten students will be picked up and dropped off at home or at an officially recognized Daycare Center serving multiple families within the District.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 5401

Cross Reference: JICC - Student Conduct on School Buses

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