

Milton Town School District

Policy

F9: TRANSPORTATION

Where it is reasonably necessary, the Milton Town School District will furnish transportation on public roads to students who do not reside within the walking zone described below and those students that are not within reasonable walking distance of the school. The district may provide transportation to non-resident students as authorized by the School Board.

All Milton High School students who attend either the Essex Junction or Burlington Technical Center will be transported on a conveyance furnished by the Milton Town School District. Use of private vehicles for transportation to and from technical centers is not permitted unless excused by the principal upon individual request.

Bus transportation is a privilege in the Milton Town School District. The necessity of providing safe transportation requires students to exhibit self-control and proper behavior while riding on the district transportation system. The school bus is an extension of the school facilities and behavioral expectations, rules and regulations that apply in the school also apply on the bus. Accordingly School Board Policy F1: Student Conduct and Discipline applies.

Definitions

Walking Zone for Students in Grades 2-8: is the area between the Elementary/Middle School and Route 7, the Elementary/Middle School and Main Street, the Elementary/Middle School and the railroad tracks, and the Elementary/Middle School and Barnum Street.

The intent is for students **not** to be required to walk across Route 7, Main Street, or any railroad tracks. Transportation will not be provided to Grade 2-8 students who reside within the walking zone. See list below.

Route 7 between Barnum and Main
School Street
Cherry Street
Turner Avenue
Lovely Avenue
Baker Lane
Village Drive
Mackey Street
Woods Court
Vernon Court
Bradley Street
Moss End Drive
Trayah Place
Barnum Street

Reasonable Walking Distance Grades 2-12: No student shall be required to walk more than one (1) mile in order to receive transportation services unless it is the determination of the District that bus safety dictates a longer distance. Exceptions will be considered by the Board each year on a case by case basis.

Implementation

The Board will establish routes and designate stops after considering both the safety of children and efficiency of operation. The following non-exclusive list of 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 or physical impairment 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.
10. Group pickups will be utilized as much as possible.

Prior to September 1 of each year, the superintendent or his/her designee, in consultation with the transportation contractor, shall determine bus routes and stops. Requests to alter bus routes or bus stops should be made to the superintendent. The superintendent will in conjunction with the bus contractor consider the request and modify the route or stop if deemed appropriate. The decision of the superintendent may be appealed to the School Board.

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Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §§1221, 1222 (Student transportation)
16 V.S.A. §1551 (Technical center transport)
Cross Reference: Bus Discipline (F2)