

WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION MODEL POLICY

Policy F9-R¹

F9-R: TRANSPORTATION

Policy

Where it is reasonable and necessary to enable a student entitled or required to attend an elementary or a secondary school operated by the District, the District may furnish transportation on public roads to students who reside within the District. The district may provide transportation to non resident students as authorized by the school board.² Accordingly, the member district schools of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Moretown Elementary School, Waitsfield Elementary School, Warren Elementary School, and the Waterbury/Duxbury Union School District (Crossett Brook Middle School and Thatcher Brook Primary School) have decided to furnish transportation under this policy.

The superintendent or designee will establish routes and designate stops after considering both the safety of children and efficiency of operation. The superintendent will consider the following factors when determining routes and stops.

1. The age and health of pupils,
2. Distance to be traveled,
3. Condition of the road,
4. Type of highway, and
5. Efficiency of route (cluster stops, etc.)

The superintendent may consider any other factors he or she deems appropriate when establishing routes and designated stops.

The superintendent shall submit to the school board for approval any contracts, leases or purchases necessary to maintain and operate transportation equipment,³ and shall include in his or her annual report to the board information as to all pupils transported by the school district and the expense thereof.⁴

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Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §§1221, 1222, 1224 (Student transportation)
16 V.S.A. §1551 (Technical center transport)
Cross Reference: Bus Discipline (F2)

¹ 16 V.S.A. 1222(a) requires a transportation policy. "Each board shall adopt a transportation policy for pupils required to attend school in accordance with the procedure specified in section 563(1) of this title. The policy must take into consideration the transportation needs of pupils supported by, but not limited to, such factors as age and health of pupils, distance to be traveled, condition of the road and type of highway. The policy shall be adopted by the board and...filed in the office of the principal in each school in the district."

² At the option of the board, authorization to transport non resident students could be delegated to the superintendent or other administrator. The superintendent's annual report to the board would provide information about non resident transportation.

³ See 16 V.S.A. 1221.

⁴ See 16 V.S.A. 1224.